

COMMISSION MEETING OF JANUARY 4, 1996

Public Comments Item

Chairman Carver: Okay, the next item on the agenda is Public Comments. Do we have any public comments? We have Corky?

Mr. Corky Perret: Thank you, Mr. New Chairman and good luck to you. Mr. Gisclair, good job, thank you. Mr. Chairman, Members of the Commission, Secretary Herring, ladies and gentlemen, just one thing we wanted to bring to your attention. Act 1316, the Louisiana Marine Conservation Act, one of the bills that passed this past session, has a number of requirements and some additional requirements that are being placed on the Department and the Commission are to provide some reports and I just want to advise you that...well, first let me read what is in the Act. And it says, "the Commission shall make an annual peer reviewed and evaluated report to the Legislature no later than March 1st". It seems like it should be the Department since we are providing this particular report to you. "By March 1st containing the information on black drum, sheepshead, flounder and mullet". So, four different species and as our License people have already done an excellent job with all of the new license requirement, Legal has had all sort of things they have had to come up with, our Enforcement people and Marine Fisheries people having to prepare eight different reports and I'm simply advising you today that you members will receive a draft in the mail within the next week or so. And, then what we plan to do, if you concur, we would have a brief oral presentation at the February Meeting. These reports will be sent out for peer review to the different state agencies and the federal agencies, however, I don't know if the federal government is going to be open by then, so I don't know what we are going to get from any of them, but this is simply to advise you that you will be receiving these reports as required by this Act. Now the interesting thing about it is, it says the Commission shall prepare these reports and if the report shows a certain spawning potential ratio, if that is below a certain percentage, then the Department is to close the season. Well, it seems like that is backwards, the Department should prepare the report and the Commission close the season. But, anyway that is the way the language is, our Marine Finfish staff has done an excellent job, the reports, the draft of the reports is about ready to go out to you people. Unless something changes, it looks like for those four species of fish, we are not going to be below that 30 percent SPR that is in the Act. So, this is simply to bring it to your attention, you will be getting it.

Commissioner Babin: May I ask a question? Corky, when you refer to season, what season are you referring to?

Mr. Perret: Well, you want me to be a lawyer now? Puckett, you are...the Act contains reference to seasons. There are two spotted seatrout strike net seasons, so one will be concluding now, then another one next year. So once that is over with, there will

be no more trout taken by, legally taken by nets, and then we have a mullet strike net season and a pompano season. My reading of the bill is that is the seasons they are talking about. However, you know there may be some other interpretations, but that is the way I see it. You want to volunteer?

Mr. Don Puckett: I would have to look at that section to see what you are talking about.

Mr. Perret: Season for taking mullet you know shall close the season, I think that...

Mr. Puckett: Just taking a look at this very quickly, I think they are talking about closing whatever season is in effect. In other words, if it's the spawning potential ratio for mullets, the mullet season, it gets closed, etc., etc.

Commissioner Babin: Another case of the law being quite broad and

Mr. Puckett: In other words, it would only be that particular season that would be closed, as I read this.

Mr. Perret: I think that is it...anyway, you guys will get a draft of it shortly. Thank you.

Chairman Carver: I'm not sure that we are ever going to escape this Act. It keeps showing up and up again. Any further comments?

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

BOARD MEETING

JANUARY 4, 1996

**PERRY GISCLAIR
CHAIRMAN**

BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

The following constitute minutes of the Commission Meeting
and are not a verbatim transcript of the proceedings.

Tapes of the meetings are kept at the
Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
2000 Quail Drive

Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808

For more information, call (504) 765-2806

AGENDA
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA
JANUARY 4, 1996

	Page
1. Roll Call	1
2. Safari Club Donation	1
3. Presentation from Petroleum Engineering Society	1
4. Notice of Intent - Extend Period of Length for Regulations on Black Bass in Eagle Lake	2
5. Secretary's Report to the Commission	3
6. Enforcement Report/December	4
7. Video - Crossroads: New Directions for Commissions and Boards	5
8. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman	5
9. Public Comments	6
10. Adjourn	7

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Thursday, January 4, 1996

Chairman Perry Gisclair presiding.

Peter Vujnovich
Daniel Babin
Glynn Carver
Jerald Hanchey

Commissioners Joseph Cormier and Jeff Schneider were absent from the meeting.

Secretary Joe L. Herring was also present.

Secretary Herring announced Commissioner Cormier was absent from the meeting because his son was having surgery the same day.

Safari Club Donation began with Mr. Lloyd Songe introducing Mr. Al Cheramie, President of the Club's newly formed Bayou Chapter. The donation of \$2,500 was for an eagle project and matching funds would be available within the next month. Mr. Songe stated the Safari Club was proud to be associated with the Department. Secretary Herring stated the eagle nests would be put along the river and on some Wildlife Management Areas. The donation would be used to buy poles to erect the nests. Staff from the Wildlife Division would be coordinating the activities for the Department. Secretary Herring concluded thanking Safari Club for coming to the meeting. Chairman Gisclair recognized Safari Club as being a friend of the Department and hoped to see them again in future years.

Mr. David Bryant made the **Presentation from Petroleum Engineering Society**. In 1995, the Louisiana Oilmen Sporting Clay Tournament had 181 shooters participating and it turned out to be a great success. Through the hard work of sponsors, a committee of the Society and support from the oil field, a check was presented for \$8,500 donation to the Wildlife and Fisheries Foundation. The donation will be split 70 percent for Youth Hunter Education Challenge and the remaining 30 percent for wood duck boxes. Mr. Bryant concluded stating, with comments received, the Sporting Clay Tournament was here to stay. Secretary Herring stated this was the first check the Wildlife and Fisheries Foundation has received. Louisiana has fared well in the Youth Hunter Education Challenge each year. Secretary Herring concluded thanking Mr. Bryant and the Society for the contribution. Chairman Gisclair also thanked Mr. Bryant.

Notice of Intent to Extend Period of Length for Regulations on Black Bass in Eagle Lake was given by Mr. Gary Tilyou. He began stating Eagle Lake is a 3,800 acre oxbow lake along the Mississippi River that is shared with Mississippi. Primary use of the lake was from residents of Mississippi. Historical facts from the 1960's until today were given by Mr. Tilyou. The biggest problems for the lake were poor water quality and agricultural drainage. In 1993, the staff proposed to the Commission for the first time a 14 inch minimum size on black bass in Eagle Lake. Mississippi Parks and Wildlife has seen some success from this regulation, and has asked that the regulation continue. Mr. Tilyou proposed to continue the regulation of 14 inch minimum size on black bass in Eagle Lake until December 31, 1998. Commissioner Carver asked if the pollution in the lake was under control now? Mr. Mike Ewing, biologist for the lake, stated the pollution was controlled somewhat but the lake still receives muddy water. Mr. Ewing stated progression was going slower than expected. Mr. Tilyou read the Notice of Intent. Commissioner Carver made a motion to accept the Notice of Intent and was seconded by Commissioner Babin. The motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Notice of Intent is made a part of the record.)

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby advertises its intent to amend the following rule on black bass (Micropterus spp.) on Eagle Lake located east of the Mississippi River in Madison Parish, Louisiana.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 1. Freshwater Sports and Commercial Fishing

§169. Black Bass Regulations, Eagle Lake

The size regulation for black bass (Micropterus spp.) on Eagle Lake located east of the Mississippi River in Madison Parish, Louisiana is as follows:

It shall be unlawful to take or possess, while on the water or while fishing in the water, black bass less than 14 inches total length on Eagle Lake, located east of the Mississippi River in

Madison Parish, Louisiana. This rule will expire at midnight, December 31, 1998.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6 (25)(a), 325(C), 326.3.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 19:909 (July 1993), amended LR 21:477 (May 1995), LR 22: .

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statement, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Interested persons may submit written comments on the amended rule to Mr. Bennie Fontenot, Administrator, Inland Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000 no later than 4:30 p.m., Monday, March 4, 1996.

Perry Gisclair
Chairman

The **Secretary's Report** to the Commission was given by Secretary Herring. The Wildlife Division has made arrangements to receive 125 turkeys from the Wild Turkey Federation and the state of Ohio. The turkeys would be stocked in Winn Parish and along the Dugdemona area. The releasing of the turkeys would begin January 4, 1996.

Waterfowl populations have been good this year with this being the best season in the past 7 years. The bag limits and number of hunting days increased this year and it was felt the hunters were pretty happy with the duck season.

Deer hunting was going well and hunters were having good success, stated Secretary Herring. He then stated today there is deer hunting in every parish and all suitable areas around the State. He also felt Louisiana was one of the major deer hunting states.

Staff with the non-game programs have been working with the Fur and Refuge Division on Waddill Tract setting up a non-game center there. Also, the non-game staff has met with Baton Rouge Recreational Department to discuss work on the many parks in the area. Several calls have been received by the Department on manatees coming into Louisiana.

The Inland Fisheries Division staff has met with the Police Jury, residents from False River and fishermen to discuss fish populations and growth and aquatic problems occurring in the River. One fish kill was investigated in Pierre Part Bayou in Assumption Parish. It was determined the kill was caused by the heavy rains. Also, the staff has met with people interested in Tilapia breeding and raising for market purposes.

The Aquatic Plant Section sprayed 1,752 acres of water hyacinths and helped repair boat ramps around the state during December.

Each Commission member received a Report of Accomplishments from 1992 through 1995 which included activities by both the Department and Commission. Then Secretary Herring listed some of the highlights found in the Report. These included the \$30 million grant from the Federal Government after Hurricane Andrew, creation of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Foundation, the Enforcement Division issued more than 80,000 citations, Operation Game Thief awarded \$29,800 in rewards, the Enforcement Division completed construction of the Academy Building in 1993, and an undercover operation referred to as Bon Appetite. Accomplishments from the Education Section included certifying approximately 80,000 students and 800 instructors, Becoming an Outdoors Woman, Marsh Maneuvers, and Wild Woods Wandering were established. The Seafood Marketing Board participated in 60 promotional activities. A Socio-Economic Section was established as well as a Clean Vessel Grant Program. The Wildlife Division accomplished land acquisition during the four years which totaled 36,283 acres, the Deer Management Program and the stocking of over 1,000 wild turkeys in suitable habitat. The Fur and Refuge Division was responsible for an increase in coastal alligator populations and managing of the Waddill property. Also established was the Urban Wildlife Project and the Natural Heritage Section put out several books. An increase in saltwater fishermen has been occurring at a rate of 5 percent per year, stated Secretary Herring. The Artificial Reef Program was expanded with the addition of 22 reef sites. Finally, Secretary Herring stated the Lyle St. Amant Marine Lab was re-opened with several research projects being conducted there. Chairman Gisclair stated he knew the Department made a lot of accomplishments over the past four years.

The Monthly Law Enforcement Report for December was given by Captain Keith LaCaze. The following numbers of citations were issued during the month of December.

Region I - Minden - 50 citations.

Region II - Monroe - 73 citations.

Region III - Alexandria - 181 citations.

Region IV - Ferriday - 50 citations.

Region V - Lake Charles - 148 citations.

Region VI - Opelousas - 72 citations.

Region VII - Baton Rouge - 177 citations.

Region VIII - New Orleans - 184 citations.

Region IX - Thibodaux - 114 citations.

Oyster Strike Force - 16 citations.

Statewide Strike Force - 49 citations.

Offshore Boats (SWEP) - 13 citations.

The grand total of citations issued statewide for the month of December was 1,127.

A video on **Crossroads: New Directions for Commissions and Boards** was presented by Secretary Herring. The video was sent to the Department by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. It presented a guideline on effective partnership between Commissions, Boards, Director or Secretary for State Agency, politicians, etc. and how to operate. At this point in the meeting, the video was shown. After the video, Secretary Herring recalled a situation with the lady in the video and her hesitancy to eat raw oysters while attending a meeting in New Orleans.

Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman was the next item on the agenda. Chairman Gisclair stated a packet on recommended procedures was included in the Commissioner's folders for their review. Mr. Don Puckett stated he wanted everyone to review the procedure to understand what it provides. Chairman Gisclair asked if Chairman would be taken first and then Vice-Chairman? Commissioner Hanchey started to make a nomination, but Commissioner Carver felt a motion was needed to adopt the procedures. Mr. Puckett suggested an acknowledgement of the procedures from the Commissioners. Commissioner Hanchey made a motion to adopt the procedures and was seconded by Commissioner Carver. This motion passed with no opposition. Commissioner Babin made a motion to have a voice vote with a show of hands. Commissioner Hanchey seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition. Chairman Gisclair then asked for nominations for Chairman. Commissioner Hanchey made a nomination of Glynn Carver for Chairman. Hearing no other nominations, Chairman Gisclair declared the nomination closed. The nomination passed with no opposition and Commissioner Carver was declared Chairman. Mr. Puckett stated Robert's Rules of Order required the new Chairman to take over the meeting. Chairman Carver stated he appreciated the confidence the Commission has for

him and he would do the best he can. Chairman Carver asked for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Babin made a nomination of Perry Gisclair as Vice-Chairman. Chairman Carver asked for a motion for nominations to cease. Commissioner Babin made a motion to cease nominations and was seconded by Commissioner Hanchey. This motion passed with no opposition. Then Chairman Carver asked for a vote on the nomination of Perry Gisclair for Vice-Chairman. This nomination passed with no opposition. Chairman Carver asked if there was anything else to do pertaining to this item? Mr. Puckett stated if there was no question or point of order, that would end the election.

Chairman Carver then asked for **Public Comments**. Mr. Corky Perret stated Act 1316 had a number of requirements placed on the Department and Commission and one involved reports. He then read a section of Act 1316. He advised the Commissioners they would receive a draft in the mail on these reports within the next week and then an oral presentation at the February Meeting. Commissioner Babin asked Mr. Perret, what seasons were he referring to and was this another case of the law being quite broad?

Commissioner Gisclair stated to Secretary Herring that it was a pleasure and honor to serve with him. He felt, with Secretary Herring's dedication, a lot of work was being taken care of and all aspects were being touched. Commissioner Gisclair concluded stating he hoped the natural resources of the State of Louisiana would not lose Secretary Herring. Secretary Herring stated he has enjoyed working with the Commission, the different organizations in the State and the people in the Department. Chairman Carver concurred with Commissioner Gisclair's comments and he also hoped Secretary Herring would continue in some form of wildlife and fisheries work.

Mr. Pat Richardson, Louisiana Bass Hatchery, expressed his pleasure in working with Secretary Herring, the Commission and the Department as well. Mr. Richardson stated his group was a provider group having provided almost a million Florida bass fingerlings for stocking in public waters. He then thanked the Commission, the Secretary and the Department's staff for cooperating with those efforts.

Commissioner Babin stated his term of service on the Commission was up after the meeting. He expressed to the other Commission members, Secretary Herring and the staff the honor it has been to serve. Commissioner Babin stated he hoped the next appointees' would take their job on the Commission as seriously as he has because the resources needed everyone to work together to make it a better place for all to live. Chairman Carver stated he felt Commissioner Babin has made a contribution to the Commission during his short term.

Commissioner Vujnovich thanked everyone and stated that it was a pleasure and honor to serve on the Commission. He stated he has learned a lot serving on the Commission and felt if everyone worked together, the State could be restored. Commissioner Vujnovich then explained how his dredge pulled up six fresh fileted of redfish taken in his oyster lease. He felt the people in the State needed to abide by the laws of the State. Chairman Carver stated it was an honor to have known Commissioner Vujnovich and if there were more people like him, this would be a better place to live.

There being no further business, Commissioner Gisclair made a motion to **Adjourn** the meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Babin.



James H. Jenkins, Jr.
Secretary

JHJ:sch

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Thursday, January 4, 1996

Draft
Corrections made
1/11/96

Chairman Perry Gisclair presiding.

Peter Vujnovich
Daniel Babin
Glynn Carver
Jerald Hanchey

Commissioners Joseph Cormier and Jeff Schneider were absent from the meeting.

Secretary Joe L. Herring was also present.

Secretary Herring announced Commissioner Cormier was absent from the meeting because his son was having surgery the same day.

Safari Club Donation began with Mr. Lloyd Songe introducing Mr. Al Cheramie, President of the Club's newly formed Bayou Chapter. The donation of \$2,500 was for an eagle project and matching funds would be available within the next month. Mr. Songe stated the Safari Club was proud to be associated with the Department. Secretary Herring stated the eagle nests would be put along the river and on some Wildlife Management Areas. The donation would be used to buy poles to erect the nests. Staff from the Wildlife Division would be coordinating the activities for the Department. Secretary Herring concluded thanking Safari Club for coming to the meeting. Chairman Gisclair recognized Safari Club as being a friend ~~for~~ *of* the Department and hoped to see them again in future years.

Will — Mr. David Bryant made the **Presentation from Petroleum Engineering Society**. In 1995, the Louisiana Oilmen Sporting Clay Tournament had 181 shooters participating and it turned out to be a great success. Through the hard work of sponsors, a committee of the Society and support from the oil field, a check was presented for \$8,500 donation to the Wildlife and Fisheries Foundation. The ~~donation would~~ be split 70 percent for Youth Hunter Education Challenge and the remaining 30 percent for wood duck boxes. Mr. Bryant concluded stating ~~with~~ comments received, the Sporting Clay Tournament was here to stay. Secretary Herring stated this was the first check the Wildlife and Fisheries Foundation has received. Louisiana has fared well in the Youth Hunter Education Challenge each year. Secretary Herring concluded thanking Mr. Bryant and the Society for the contribution. Chairman Gisclair also thanked Mr. Bryant.

Notice of Intent to **Extend Period of Length for Regulations on Black Bass in Eagle Lake** was given by Mr. Gary Tilyou. He began stating Eagle Lake is a 3,800 acre oxbow lake along the Mississippi River that is shared with Mississippi. Primary use of the lake was from residents of Mississippi. Historical facts ~~beginning from the 1960's until today~~ ^{were} ~~was~~ ^{were} given by Mr. Tilyou. The biggest problems for the lake ~~was~~ poor water quality and agricultural drainage. In 1993, the staff proposed to the Commission for the first time a 14 inch minimum size on black bass in Eagle Lake. Mississippi Parks and Wildlife has seen some success from this regulation, ~~but~~ ^{AND} has asked that the regulation continue. Mr. Tilyou proposed to continue the regulation of 14 inch minimum size on black bass in Eagle Lake until December 31, 1998. Commissioner Carver asked if the pollution in the lake was under control now? Mr. Mike Ewing, biologist for the lake, stated the pollution was controlled somewhat but the lake still receives muddy water. ~~Mr. Ewing stated progression was going slower than what was expected.~~ ^{AND} Mr. Tilyou read the Notice of Intent. Commissioner Carver made a motion to accept the Notice of Intent and was seconded by Commissioner Babin. The motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Notice of Intent is made a part of the record.)

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby advertises its intent to amend the following rule on black bass (Micropterus spp.) on Eagle Lake located east of the Mississippi River in Madison Parish, Louisiana.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 1. Freshwater Sports and Commercial Fishing

§169. Black Bass Regulations, Eagle Lake

The size regulation for black bass (Micropterus spp.) on Eagle Lake located east of the Mississippi River in Madison Parish, Louisiana is as follows:

It shall be unlawful to take or possess, while on the water or while fishing in the water, black bass less than 14 inches total length on Eagle Lake, located east of the Mississippi River in

Madison Parish, Louisiana. This rule will expire at midnight, December 31, 1998.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6 (25)(a), 325(C), 326.3.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 19:909 (July 1993), amended LR 21:477 (May 1995), LR 22: .

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statement, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Interested persons may submit written comments on the amended rule to Mr. Bennie Fontenot, Administrator, Inland Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000 no later than 4:30 p.m., Monday, March 4, 1996.

Perry Gisclair
Chairman

The **Secretary's Report** to the Commission was given by Secretary Herring. The Wildlife Division has made arrangements to receive 125 turkeys from the Wild Turkey Federation and the State of Ohio. The turkeys would be stocked in Winn Parish and along the Dugdemona area. The releasing of the turkeys would begin January 4, 1996.

Waterfowl populations have been good this year with this being the best season in the past 7 years. The bag limits and number of hunting days increased this year and it was felt the hunters were pretty happy with the duck season.

Deer hunting was going well and hunters were having good success, stated Secretary Herring. He then stated today there is deer hunting in every parish and all suitable areas around the State. He also felt Louisiana was one of the major deer hunting states.

Staff with the non-game programs ^{have} ~~has~~ been working with the Fur and Refuge Division on Waddill Tract setting up a non-game center there. Also, the non-game staff has met with Baton Rouge Recreational Department to discuss work on the many parks in the area. Several calls have been received by the Department on manatees coming into Louisiana.

The Inland Fisheries Division staff has met with the Police Jury, residents from False River and fishermen to discuss fish populations and growth and aquatic problems occurring in the River. One fish kill was investigated in Pierre Part Bayou in Assumption Parish. It was determined the kill was caused by the heavy rains. Also, the staff has met with people interested in Tilapia breeding and raising for marketable purposes.

The Aquatic Plant Section sprayed 1,752 acres of water hyacinths and helped repair boat ramps around the state during December.

Each Commission member received a Report of Accomplishments from 1992 through 1995 which included activities by both the Department and Commission. Then Secretary Herring listed some of the highlights found in the Report. These included the \$30 million grant from the Federal Government after Hurricane Andrew, ^{creation of} the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Foundation, the Enforcement Division issued more than 80,000 citations, Operation Game Thief awarded \$29,800 in rewards, the Enforcement Division completed construction of the Academy Building in 1993, and an undercover operation referred to as Bon Appetite. ~~Accomplishments from the Education Section included the certifying approximately 80,000 students, 800 instructors, Becoming an Outdoors Woman, Marsh Maneuvers, and Wild Woods Wondering was established.~~ ^{AND} ~~The Seafood Marketing Board participated in 60 promotional activities. A Socio-Economic Section was established as well as a Clean Vessel Grant Program. The Wildlife Division accomplished land acquisition during the four years which totaled 36,283 acres, Deer Management Program and the stocking of over 1,000 wild turkeys in suitable habitat. The Fur and Refuge Division was responsible for an increase in coastal alligator populations and managing of the Waddill property. Also established was the Urban Wildlife Project and the Natural Heritage Section put out several books. An increase in saltwater fishermen has been occurring at a rate of 5 percent per year, stated Secretary Herring. The Artificial Reef Program was expanded with the addition of 22 reef sites. Finally, Secretary Herring stated the Lyle St. Amant Marine Lab was re-opened with several research projects being conducted there. Chairman Gisclair stated he knew the Department made a lot of accomplishments over the past four years.~~ ^{were} ^{the}

The Monthly Law Enforcement Report for December was given by Captain Keith LaCaze. The following numbers of citations were issued during the month of December.

Region I - Minden - 50 citations.

Region II - Monroe - 73 citations.

Region III - Alexandria - 181 citations.

Region IV - Ferriday - 50 citations.

Region V - Lake Charles - 148 citations.

Region VI - Opelousas - 72 citations.

Region VII - Baton Rouge - 177 citations.

Region VIII - New Orleans - 184 citations.

Region IX - Thibodaux - 114 citations.

Oyster Strike Force - 16 citations.

Statewide Strike Force - 49 citations.

Offshore Boats (SWEP) - 13 citations.

The grand total of citations issued statewide for the month of December was 1,127.

A video on **Crossroads: New Directions for Commissions and Boards** was presented by Secretary Herring. The video was sent to the Department by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. It presented a guideline on effective partnership between Commissions, Boards, Director or Secretary for State Agency, politicians, etc. and how to operate. At this point in the meeting, the video was shown. *Recalled* After the video, Secretary Herring explained a situation with the lady in the video and her hesitancy to eat raw oysters while attending a meeting in New Orleans.

Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman was the next item on the agenda. Chairman Gisclair stated a packet on recommended procedures was included in the Commissioner's folders for their review. Mr. Don Puckett stated he wanted everyone to review the procedure to understand what it provides. Chairman Gisclair asked if Chairman would be taken first and then Vice-Chairman? Commissioner Hanchey started to make a nomination, but Commissioner Carver felt a motion was needed to adopt the procedures. Mr. Puckett suggested an acknowledgement of the procedures from the Commissioners. Commissioner Hanchey made a motion to adopt the procedures and was seconded by Commissioner Carver. This motion passed with no opposition. Commissioner Babin made a motion to have a voice vote with a show of hands. Commissioner Hanchey seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition. Chairman Gisclair then asked for nominations for Chairman. Commissioner Hanchey made a nomination of Glynn Carver for Chairman. Hearing no other nominations, Chairman Gisclair declared the nomination closed. The nomination passed with no opposition and Commissioner Carver was declared Chairman. Mr. Puckett stated Robert's Rules of Order required the new Chairman to take over the meeting. Chairman Carver stated he appreciated the confidence the Commission has for

him and he would do the best he can. Chairman Carver asked for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Babin made a nomination of Perry Gisclair as Vice-Chairman. Chairman Carver asked for a motion for nominations to cease. Commissioner Babin made a motion to cease nominations and was seconded by Commissioner Hanchey. This motion passed with no opposition. Then Chairman Carver asked for a vote on the nomination of Perry Gisclair for Vice-Chairman. This nomination passed with no opposition. Chairman Carver asked if there was anything else to do pertaining to this item? Mr. Puckett stated if there was no question or point of order, that would end the election.

Chairman Carver then asked for **Public Comments**. Mr. Corky Perret stated Act 1316 had a number of requirements placed on the Department and Commission and one involved reports. He then read a section of Act 1316. He advised the Commissioners they would receive a draft in the mail on these reports within the next week and then ~~make~~ an oral presentation at the February Meeting. Commissioner Babin asked Mr. Perret, what seasons ~~was~~ he referring to and was this another case of the law being quite broad? *were*

Commissioner Gisclair stated to Secretary Herring that it was a pleasure and honor to serve with him. He felt with Secretary Herring's dedication, a lot of work was being taken care of and all aspects were being touched. Commissioner Gisclair concluded stating he hoped the natural resources of the State of Louisiana would not lose Secretary Herring. Secretary Herring stated he has enjoyed working with the Commission, the different organizations in the State and the people in the Department. Chairman Carver concurred with Commissioner Gisclair's comments and he also hoped Secretary Herring would continue in some form of wildlife and fisheries work.

Mr. Pat Richardson, Louisiana Bass Hatchery, expressed his pleasure in working with Secretary Herring, the Commission and the Department as well. Mr. Richardson stated his group was a provider group having provided almost a million Florida bass fingerlings for stocking in public waters. He then thanked the Commission, the Secretary and the Department's staff for cooperating with those efforts.

Commissioner Babin stated his term of service on the Commission was up after the meeting. He expressed to the other Commission members, Secretary Herring and the staff the honor it has been to serve. Commissioner Babin stated he hoped the next appointee~~s~~ would take their job on the Commission as seriously as he has because the resources needed everyone to work together to make it a better place for all to live. Chairman Carver stated he felt Commissioner Babin has made a contribution to the Commission during his short term.

Commissioner Vujnovich thanked everyone and stated that it was a pleasure and honor to serve on the Commission. He stated he has learned a lot serving on the Commission and felt if everyone worked together, the State could be restored. Commissioner Vujnovich then explained how his dredge pulled up six fresh ~~filets of~~ *Fileted* redfish taken in his oyster lease. He felt the people in the State needed to abide by the laws of the State. Chairman Carver stated it was an honor to have known Commissioner Vujnovich and if there were more people like him, this would be a better place to live.

There being no further business, Commissioner Gisclair made a motion to **Adjourn** the meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Babin.

James H. Jenkins, Jr.
Secretary

JHJ:sch

COMMISSION MEETING
ROLL CALL

Thursday, January 4, 1996
Baton Rouge, LA
Wildlife & Fisheries Building

	Attended	Absent
Perry Gisclair (Chairman)	<u>✓</u>	<u>—</u>
Glynn Carver	<u>✓</u>	<u>—</u>
Jeff Schneider	<u>—</u>	<u>✓</u>
Daniel Babin	<u>✓</u>	<u>—</u>
Joseph Cormier	<u>—</u>	<u>✓</u>
Jerald Hanchey	<u>✓</u>	<u>—</u>
Peter Vujnovich	<u>✓</u>	<u>—</u>

Mr. Chairman:

There are 5 Commissioners in attendance and we have a quorum.
Secretary Herring is also present.

AGENDA

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

BATON ROUGE, LA

January 4, 1996

10:00 AM

1. Roll Call
2. Safari Club Donation
3. Presentation from Petroleum Engineering Society - Tommy Prickett
4. Notice of Intent - Extend Period of Length for Regulations on Black Bass in Eagle Lake - Bennie Fontenot
5. Enforcement Report/December - Winton Vidrine
6. Secretary's Report to the Commission - Joe Herring
7. Video - Crossroads: New Directions for Commissions and Boards - Joe Herring
8. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman
9. Public Comments
10. Adjourn

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby advertises its intent to amend the following rule on black bass (Micropterus spp.) on Eagle Lake located east of the Mississippi River in Madison Parish, Louisiana.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 1. Freshwater Sports and Commercial Fishing

§169. Black Bass Regulations, Eagle Lake

The size regulation for black bass (Micropterus spp.) on Eagle Lake located east of the Mississippi River in Madison Parish, Louisiana is as follows:

It shall be unlawful to take or possess, while on the water or while fishing in the water, black bass less than 14 inches total length on Eagle Lake, located east of the Mississippi River in Madison Parish, Louisiana. This rule will expire at midnight, December 31, 1998.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6 (25)(a), 325(C), 326.3.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 19:909 (July 1993), amended LR 21:477 (May 1995), LR 22: .

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and

the final rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statement, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Interested persons may submit written comments on the amended rule to Mr. Bennie Fontenot, Administrator, Inland Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000 no later than 4:30 p.m., Monday, March 4, 1996.

Perry Gisclair

Chairman

ACCOMPLISHMENTS REPORT 1992-1995



LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

A SUMMARY OF DEPARTMENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS — 1992-1995

Edwin W. Edwards, Governor
Joe L. Herring, Secretary
Clyde Kimball, Deputy Secretary
Fredrick J. Prejean Sr., Undersecretary
Leroy G. "Lee" Caubarraux, Assistant Secretary
William S. "Corky" Perret, Assistant Secretary

Division Administrators

Hugh Bateman, Wildlife
Bob Dennie, Information/Education
Bennie Fontenot, Inland Fisheries
John Roussel, Marine Fisheries
Johnnie Tarver, Fur/Refuge
Winton Vidrine, Enforcement

Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

Perry Gisclair (Golden Meadow), chairman
Glynn Carver (Many), vice-chairman
Daniel J. Babin (Houma)
Joseph B. Cormier (Lafayette)
Jerald Hanchey (Lafayette)
John F. Schneider (Ponchatoula)
Peter Vujnovich (New Orleans)

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

Joe L. Herring, Secretary
Clyde Kimball, Deputy Secretary

Support operations of the Department report directly to the Secretary. These include two divisions — Enforcement and Information and Education — and two promotional bodies — the Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board and the Fur and Alligator Advisory Council (see Fur and Refuge Division) — as well as the Department's Legal Section. The Secretary also has ultimate authority over the operation of the Department's fiscal and business matters as administered by the Office of Management and Finance.

The Department has received a total of \$30 million for restoration of damaged habitat and fisheries restocking as a result of Hurricane Andrew. This money represents the largest sum received by a state for wildlife in historical times.

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Foundation was established, allowing private donations to specific programs run by LDWF. The Foundation, a private organization operating as a support to the Department, will allow donations to receive tax exempt status while funds go directly to programs instead of into the general conservation fund.

Enforcement Division:

The results of a four-year study (completed in 1992) indicated that Louisiana boating accidents and resulting deaths had been reduced 66 percent. The sixth year of an intensive boating accident evaluation program to decrease boating fatalities from an average of 65 per year to an average in the low 20s was completed.

Each enforcement agent was trained in the use of the Intoxilyzer breath analysis machine to help combat intoxicated boat operators.

A 40-foot tower was constructed at State Wildlife Refuge for effective law enforcement in Vermilion Bay, using radio communications and radar. Potential nighttime violations have been considerably reduced.

The State Strike Force was created and activated to work extensively in the coastal area and assist with violation problems. The unit monitors commercial seafood activity and has been effective in reducing the illegal harvest of undersized and otherwise protected commercial and recreational species.

A total of 58 Loran-C navigation units were acquired and 112 wildlife enforcement agents trained in their use. The units are used to more effectively enforce regulations in state waters and provide evidence acceptable in court.

An undercover operation begun in 1991, nicknamed Operation Goldkey,

culminated with the arrest of 47 fisheries and wildlife violators in July 1993. The operation brought to an end the illegal harvest and sale of thousands of pounds of red drum and other Louisiana wildlife resources.

The Enforcement Division's Toledo Bend Unit was created to provide needed manpower on the waterbody and to ensure compliance with fishing regulations established in conjunction with Texas. The Toledo Bend Unit also enhances public safety through enforcement of safe boating regulations and performs rescue operations when needed.

A statewide Seafood Inspection Team was established to monitor the commercial seafood industry to assure compliance with regulatory statutes, health concerns, and reporting procedures.

The Enforcement Division issued more than 80,000 citations as part of their official resource protection duties. Operation Game Thief awarded \$29,800 in rewards for tips leading to the arrests of wildlife violators.

In 1993, the Enforcement Division completed construction of its Law Enforcement Academy Building located at the Baton Rouge headquarters. The building provides on-site classroom and overnight facilities, ending the Department's dependency on other agencies for training accommodations.

Undercover operation "Bon Appetit" ended on April 19, 1995, with the arrests of 34 people in the Baton Rouge and New Orleans areas on a multitude of charges involving the illegal sale and purchase of saltwater and freshwater fish, waterfowl, and deer. The arrests attracted much media attention due to the fact that many of the offenders were employees and operators of very prominent restaurants in large metropolitan areas.

Information and Education Division:

The Hunter Education program certified 80,000 students in the basics of hunter safety and ethics and trained 800 instructors.

The Alexander State Forest Training Center and Range (south of Alexandria in Woodworth, La.) was opened for public use. The facility serves as a site for recreational shooting and fishing sports for the public as well as an instruction and training center for LDWF Education personnel.

In an effort to introduce youngsters and adults to the sport of fishing, the Aquatic Education program sponsored or assisted in more than 250 clinics that attracted more than 50,000 people. These clinics covered topics such as casting, knot tying, fish identification, ethics, and safety.

The Resource Management program, including an interactive video that explores fisheries sampling methods and their importance, is in use by approximately 200

middle and high schools.

Let's Go Fishing, an Aquatic Education activity guide for upper elementary grades, was used by more than 400 teachers and 60,000 students. *Ready, Set . . . Go Fishing*, an activity guide for grades K-3, was distributed to more than 130 classes and is used by more than 2,500 students. Each fifth grade class in Caddo and Bossier parishes conducts an Aquatic Education unit using the *Let's Go Fishing* publication and an actual fishing excursion. More than 30,000 students have gone through this program. A similar program was initiated in Terrebonne Parish in 1995. Approximately 1,500 students attended the field portion of the clinic.

Marsh Maneuvers, a program designed to introduce students to the importance of wetlands, was co-sponsored by the Education Section in 1993. Each year, four camps are conducted at LDWF's Grand Terre marine lab with 16 students attending each camp. Wild Woods Wanderings is a similar program for upland wetlands. Two camping sessions are held annually with 24 students in each camp.

More than 40,000 copies of the Splash Calendar, a summer calendar reinforcing basic elementary school science skills and providing opportunities for parents and children to interact over current environmental issues. Splash was co-sponsored by LDWF's Aquatic Education section.

"Becoming an Outdoors-Woman," a program to introduce women to the outdoors experience, was inaugurated in September 1994. Two sessions have been held, with a total of 216 participants.

The Information Section began a weekly newsletter in 1992, made up of news releases and news features, for distribution to 900 interested parties statewide, including the media, state legislators, outdoor writers, and Department staff.

The Information Section initiated a reorganization in operations of the *Louisiana Conservationist* magazine, including implementation of a special merchandise marketing unit, designed to make the magazine completely self-sustaining.

The Department's Home Page on the Internet was designed and made available to the public.

Seafood Promotions and Marketing Board:

The Board instituted and participated in nearly 60 promotions during the last four years promoting Louisiana shrimp, oysters, crawfish, catfish, and other seafood species across the country, including production of informational videos, radio and television commercials, contests, cookbooks, and bumper stickers. Also, ads were run in 64 trade publications and 33 trade shows and conferences were attended.

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE

Fredrick J. Prejean Sr., Undersecretary

The responsibilities of the Office of Management and Finance include accounting and budget control, contract management, grants management, program analysis and management, personnel, data processing, procurement, and general administrative services.

The Office of Management and Finance has developed, implemented, restructured, and reviewed nearly 50 projects to greatly assist the Department in all its functions, streamline activities, and generate revenue. Many of the projects involve implementation of new computer systems for accounting, boat registration, licensing, purchasing, property control, and other purposes. A few of the Office's program highlights are detailed below. Many more are ongoing.

A Socioeconomic Research and Development Section was initiated. The section is responsible for development and implementation of socioeconomic research projects relative to fish and wildlife, wetlands, mineral, and other natural resource within the Department's jurisdiction. The section has been instrumental in developing criteria to evaluate economic impacts of the resources and assists the Department in promotion of alternative revenue generating ideas while assuring the most efficient use of the resource. Impact studies on restoration projects and vegetative planting projects in Lafourche, Cameron, Terrebonne, Vermillion, and St. Charles parishes were completed.

The Socioeconomic Research and Development Section also restructured permit and license fees, developed administrative costs recovery procedures, restructured permit requirements for fill and gravel material from state water bottoms, established a shell dredging price structure, began a long-term project to evaluate the potential economic value of marsh lands, etc.

A statewide Clean Vessel grant program was established to provide recreational boating facilities an opportunity to participate in a cost-reimbursement program for installing and renovating boat waste disposal pumpout facilities.

A Safety Program was established and an employee safety manual was developed.

An Equal Opportunity Employment/Affirmative Action Coordinator position was created to promote diversity in the Department's work force, monitor and review staff hiring procedures, prepare and update LDWF's Affirmative Action Plan, and plan site visits for recruitment and job opportunity purposes. This position also monitors for compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act.

A \$2.5 million enforcement radio system designed to save lives in the outdoors and help enforce fish and wildlife laws in Louisiana was promoted and built.

OFFICE OF WILDLIFE

Leroy G. "Lee" Caubarraux, Assistant Secretary

The Office of Wildlife consists of two divisions, the Wildlife Division and the Fur and Refuge Division, as well as the Environmental Branch. The Assistant Secretary of this Office also directly monitors the Aviation Section.

Wildlife Division:

The state's effort to protect and enhance wildlife habitat and provide public outdoor recreation made record strides. The acquisition of 36,283 acres, including the first wetlands purchase with Louisiana Duck Stamp funds and a portion of the Fisher tract containing the finest example of bottomland hardwoods remaining in Louisiana will benefit wildlife and Louisiana's citizens in perpetuity. The newly dedicated wildlife lands include the following.

date	WMA	parish	acreage
1992 and 1993	Sicily Island	Catahoula	579
1992 and 1995	Tunica Hills	West Feliciana	3,365
May 1992	Lake Ramsey	St. Tammany	795
May 1992	Pomme de Terre	Avoyelles	890
1993	Bayou Pierre	Red River	1,316
1993	Hutchinson Creek	St. Helena	160
Feb. 1993	Red River	Concordia	7,722
Feb. 1993	Pointe-au-Chien	Lafourche	480
Nov. 1993	Boeuf	Caldwell, Franklin, Concordia	8,455
1993 and 1994	Colewa Bayou	West Carroll	360
1994	Alexander State Forest	Rapides	217
1994	Marsh Bayou	Evangeline	580
1994	Joyce	Tangipahoa	2,040
June 1995	Buckhorn	Tensas	8,955
Dec. 1995	Attakapas	St. Mary	230
TOTAL ACRES			36,283

Four major wetlands habitat development projects involving 3,600 acres were completed in 1995 on Department-owned or -managed wildlife management areas: Red River WMA (Concordia Parish), Boeuf WMA (Caldwell Parish), Sherburne WMA (Iberville Parish), and Bayou Pierre (Red River Parish). These "state of the art" wetlands projects have complete water control and provide dependable waterfowl and wetland wildlife habitat. The funds (approximately \$800,000) needed to develop these projects were provided through Ducks Unlimited M.A.R.S.H. programs and grants from the North American Wetland Conservation Act.

The Louisiana Waterfowl Project, a partnership between government and private landowners, was established for improvement of wetlands habitat. More than 80,000 acres of important habitat have since been enrolled in this project.

The first hunting season in Louisiana history for pheasant opened in the southwestern portion of the state as a result of stocking wild birds from other states and improved protective measures.

The Department's progressive deer management program resulted in 84 record-book deer harvested in Louisiana. The Deer Management Assistance Program provides technical assistance for proper management of Louisiana's deer resources to 1,127 clubs, representing 2.3 million acres. The impact of deer hunting on Louisiana's economy is \$284 million. The deer herd is larger than at any time in state history. Trophy deer include a non-typical buck taken on Big Lake WMA that scored 261 6/8 points, the largest recorded nationwide between 1992 and 1994.

LDWF's Deer Study Section has made great strides in assimilating research data and informing the public of its findings by publishing a new booklet on deer. This section also started the Louisiana Big Game Recognition Program and publishes the results annually to keep hunters abreast of trophy animals.

More than 1,000 wild turkeys have been restocked to suitable habitat. Restoration of this game bird has resulted in one of Louisiana's fastest-growing outdoor sports and the re-establishment of the species throughout its historical range in Louisiana. There are an estimated 90,000 birds in the state, higher than at any other time this century.

After a four-year absence, Louisiana's September teal season was restored in 1993. In addition, September teal hunters may now enjoy the same shooting hours as those enjoyed during other migratory bird hunts: one-half hour before sunrise until sunset.

LDWF's Forestry Section is a national leader in the reforestation of agricultural lands to natural stands of bottomland hardwood. Several thousand acres have been replanted since 1992.

Fur and Refuge Division:

The Terrebonne Barrier Island Refuge, made up of three ecologically important and environmentally sensitive islands, was established. One of these, Raccoon Island, has the greatest species diversity of any barrier island in the state, having the largest nesting colony of waterbirds and the second largest brown pelican nesting colony on the Louisiana coast. Raccoon Island was severely damaged by Hurricane Andrew, and intensive restoration efforts have returned the site to pre-hurricane conditions using federal Dire Emergency funds.

A new reptile and amphibian program was introduced to manage commercial and recreational harvest of these species.

The Department has intensified and refined its Bald Eagle Management Program. The number of active nests (approximately 90) has far exceeded the recovery goal of 40 active nests established by the 1984 southeastern states' recovery plan. These impressive numbers are indicative of the tremendous comeback of this species, which was downgraded from endangered to threatened.

The brown pelican program has been improved and intensified to assure protection and management of this species. Approximately 39,000 brown pelicans have been fledged at the known breeding colonies since re-establishment efforts began in 1968, and the species has now been re-established throughout its historical range. The Department petitioned the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to remove the brown pelican from the endangered species list because recovery has surpassed original goals.

The coastal alligator population now exceeds 600,000 animals. The alligator industry, which generated approximately \$65.9 million during the past four years, remains healthy and active.

During 1992, alligator market development and public education concentrated on the Far East. A major promotion-education project was conducted in Japan and Hong King in April 1992. This promotion involved an exhibit of one of the Louisiana white alligators (loaned by the Louisiana Land and Exploration Company and the Audubon Institute) with all major television stations covering the event in Tokyo. The purpose of this exhibit was to attract media attention allowing Louisiana representatives to tell the story of alligator conservation through wise use.

In September 1992, an economic consultant developed a plan for the expansion for the North American market for alligator products. This report identified problems that need to be overcome, including a pervasive image based on the misconception that the alligator is still endangered and the reluctance of some groups to use fur and animal skins because of pressure associated with "political correctness." Many programs were recommended, including the creation of a national organization to set the stage for work currently being done in North America.

The Fur and Alligator Advisory Council worked through a facilitator during 1993 to assist and encourage the formation of a national organization for the alligator industry. As a result, the American Alligator Council was incorporated in 1994 with representatives from Louisiana and Florida producers as well as tanners, manufacturers, and retailers throughout North America.

In July 1994, the Fur and Alligator Advisory Council and LDWF hosted a Japanese trade delegation that toured the state's alligator industry. The Council and the Department opened a "Marsh to Market" display at the New Orleans airport prior to the delegation's departure. The display is a diorama with lighted panels with

information on the industry and alligator products and stands in the main concourse for arriving passengers. The display is considered so attractive and successful by airport officials that it has been maintained free of any rental space charges.

The Waddill Property, a 236.7 acre tract of property in East Baton Rouge Parish, has been reclaimed by the Department to provide an urban refuge. A nature center is planned as are improvements to the existing nature trails on the property. Hunter and Aquatic Education and other programs will be taught at the site.

Three research projects were initiated on Atchafalaya Delta Wildlife Management Area as a result of Hurricane Andrew impacts and the approval of federal Dire Emergency funds. These projects involve studies of shorebird and wading bird nesting and waterfowl distribution. Two hundred and seventy-four acres of wetlands were created on the WMA as part of ongoing efforts to create and enhance delta development in the Atchafalaya Bay.

Sediment diversion and water control structures have resulted in the creation and enhancement of hundreds of thousands of acres of wetland habitat, bottomland hardwood forests, and freshwater habitat for wildlife and fisheries resources throughout the Louisiana wildlife refuge system.

Regulations in association with the departments of Health and Hospitals and Agriculture and Forestry have resulted in the regulated processing of nutria for human consumption.

Quality dressing of plucked and sheared "Genuine Louisiana Bayou Nutria" was accomplished through a fur dresser in Winnipeg, Canada. As many as 12 manufacturers were using these skins to include new coats in their lines.

During 1994-95, more emphasis was placed on direct sale of raw skins to markets, particularly in Russia and mainland China. Canadian markets were also found for Louisiana beaver. In May 1995, the Fur and Alligator Advisory Council was the talk of the Montreal International Fur Fair with several manufacturers participating in the annual fashion gala featuring coats made from "Genuine Louisiana Bayou Nutria." The Council hosted a special "bayou breakfast" to attract media attention and retail buyers. This promotion resulted in Maison Blanche/Gayfers stores located throughout the southeastern United States in buying nutria coats to include in their fall 1995 line. Marketing efforts resulted in new customers in eastern Europe and Russia.

The Fur and Alligator Advisory Council has increased its number of articles explaining the need for trapping in wetlands conservation. Articles have appeared in *Reader's Digest*, *Audubon*, *National Wildlife*, and *Newsweek* magazines. These articles are a direct result of ongoing public relations campaigns and have resulted in newspaper articles and national television interviews.

During the spring of 1994, the Fur and Alligator Advisory Council and the Department became very actively involved in working to counter the implementation of the European Union fur ban regulation. The regulation was scheduled to be implemented on Jan. 1, 1996, and would have stopped export of most furs from North America into the European Union. Through the efforts of the Council, LDWF, the National Trappers Association, the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, the Fur Information Council of America, and Canadian and European trapper and industry organizations, the effort was delayed for at least another year.

Environmental Branch:

The Wild Louisiana Stamp program was implemented to generate funding for non-game and non-consumptive activities carried out by the Department.

The Urban Wildlife Project was established to help people, public agencies, private groups, and business understand and consider special problems that urban wildlife populations and people encounter while trying to coexist in a developed area.

Management plans for all 52 streams and stream segments in the statewide Scenic Rivers system were completed.

Twenty-one Louisiana black bears were radio-collared in the Atchafalaya Basin to learn more about the life history of the state mammal.

The Natural Areas Registry Program grew to incorporate 8,180 acres.

A computerized Graphic Information System (GIS) was established based on data in the Natural Heritage Database and supplemented by other "geo-reference" information from other sources. GIS facilitates data retrieval and provides a graphic representation of locations and ranges of rare, threatened, and endangered species and unique plant and animal associations and communities.

The Environmental Branch entered into a \$1.1 million cost-share agreement with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to protect and enhance a 640-acre freshwater marsh in Cameron Parish.

The Environmental Branch signed a Gulf of Mexico Partnership for Action that commits Louisiana and four other coastal states and the federal government to a five-year plan to protect wetlands, enhance commercial and recreational fishing, reduce pollution, and increase shellfish beds available for harvest in the Gulf.

The Environmental Branch published several highly popular books dealing with hummingbirds, butterflies, and rare plants. In addition, Environmental Branch personnel played a major role in the publication of volume one of the *Atlas of the Vascular Flora of Louisiana* and is in the initial phases of the development of a breeding bird atlas for the state.

OFFICE OF FISHERIES

William S. "Corky" Perret, Assistant Secretary

The Office of Fisheries is comprised of two divisions, Marine Fisheries and Inland Fisheries.

Marine Fisheries Division:

Recreational harvest of spotted seatrout has shown excellent recovery following the December 1989 freeze. Commercial harvest has been constrained by a quota, but the resource continues to be in a healthy state.

Annual assessment reports have been compiled for red drum based on both fishery-dependent and fishery-independent data. Recent reports have shown an abundant inshore stock due to excellent nursery conditions. Effects of recreational minimum size limits in particular have also been demonstrated by increased average size of harvested fish, with no overall decrease in total recreational harvest weight.

An interstate fishery management plan for black drum was developed by the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Council based in large degree on Louisiana's plan for this species. Present status of the stock is healthy according to all existing assessments.

The Louisiana bioprofile and stock assessment for mullet were incorporated into the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Council interstate fishery management plan for this species, which should be published shortly.

A three-year project was recently completed to re-evaluate existing assessment techniques and develop new techniques to help monitor recruitment and harvest rates of the important menhaden fishery. Louisiana biologists also contributed to the recent Gulf States Marine Fisheries Council interstate fishery management plan for this species, which has been the primary assessment and management document for menhaden in the Gulf.

A comprehensive review of fishery-independent sampling was conducted with the intent of evaluating existing finfish programs to optimize data necessary for long-term and short-term management needs. The mandates of Act 1316 of the 1995 legislative session to provide information to the Legislature have also been addressed. Sampling of fish for age analysis has been instituted, using samples from both fishery-independent and fishery-dependent data sources. This will substantially improve the ability of Department assessments to measure changes in the state's fisheries.

Department personnel have begun collecting catch/effort and size information from fisheries important to Louisiana and other Gulf of Mexico management agencies. This information will improve the ability of assessment specialists to evaluate affected fishery stocks. Collecting this information by Department personnel also

allows this information to be utilized on a much faster and more complete basis than previously possible.

Development of modern computer facilities has enhanced the ability of Department scientists to transmit and receive data from the National Marine Fisheries Service and other research and management agencies. This new ability allows more expeditious and effective use of available information for monitoring and assessing fisheries.

The 1995 Louisiana Legislature passed the Marine Resources Conservation Act of 1995 (Act 1316) which placed substantial restrictions on the use of gill nets and similar gear in Louisiana salt waters. The effect of this legislation on the fisheries cannot be quantified, as there has not been enough time for such an assessment; however, initial data indicates that this legislation will significantly affect many of the commercial saltwater finfisheries of the state.

Saltwater recreational angling has continued to increase at substantial rates, with license sales increases averaging 5 percent per year. This rate of increase is higher than for many other recreational activities.

Stock assessments for spotted seatrout, red drum, mullet, black drum, sheepshead, and southern flounder were conducted, providing information on the status of these stocks which offer fishery managers various options for managing fisheries in Louisiana waters.

The Secretarial Finfish Advisory Panel, a panel of recreational and commercial fishermen, was formed to attempt to develop consensus on issues pertinent to marine fisheries.

The Louisiana Recreational Fishing Development Board, originally developed for marine interests only, expanded in 1993 to include the freshwater areas of the state. Though still without funding, the Board is developing a strategic plan and is attempting to encourage professionalism in the tourism-related sectors of the recreational fishing industry.

To restore oyster resources damaged by Hurricane Andrew, a \$5.1 million federal grant was obtained to restore affected public oyster seed grounds. Approximately 150,000 cubic yards of oyster cultch were planted.

An annual assessment of oyster resources on the public grounds was prepared, leading to managerial recommendations and decisions that have increased oyster production for the last four years.

Shrimp monitoring and assessment with a social and economic as well as a biological approach have resulted in concepts that have extended the seasons, allowing the opportunity to fish longer, harvest more shrimp, and obtain greater financial reward.

Research programs at Lyle S. St. Amant Marine Laboratory were re-established. A research project on hook-and-release mortality of spotted seatrout and red drum was completed, and length-at-age information for stock assessments of these species was also provided.

The Marine Fisheries Division issued approximately 2,500 oyster lease applications for survey and 2,000 new oyster leases.

All records — approximately 13,000 — were entered into the database for the oyster lease geographic information system. All oyster lease surveys tied to the Louisiana State Plane Coordinate System were entered into the oyster lease geographic information system. Oyster lease rental notices, rental collection, delinquent list, and auction list were computerized.

The Artificial Reef Program expanded by an additional 22 reef sites which utilize jackets of obsolete oil and gas platforms, bringing the total to 58 structures used as artificial reefs. In addition to enhancing the marine environment by providing hard bottom for recreationally and commercially important reef fish, the Program has saved the oil and gas industry more than \$7 million on the cost of removing these obsolete platforms while providing the state an equal sum of money for fishery enhancement projects.

Forty armored personnel carriers were deployed as artificial reefs as part of ReefEx, an innovative civil-military program which provides U.S. coastal communities with obsolete military vehicles while providing military training to increase the readiness of reserve forces.

The Marine Fisheries Division assisted Grand Isle in obtaining a \$300,000 Wallop-Breaux federal grant to refurbish the Grand Isle Camanada fishing bridge.

Notification and response systems were implemented to protect wildlife and fishery resources from oil spills. The Division also participated in developing and implementing a statewide oil spill contingency plan.

The Marine Fisheries Division participated in Natural Resource Damage Assessment process for the Greenhill oil spill in Timbalier Bay. The process developed by participant state and federal agencies and Greenhill Petroleum for this incident has been cited as a model for cooperative, resource-based restoration following a spill.

Four in a series of six marine recreational fishing maps have been completed to provide Louisiana residents with information that will help them enjoy safe and successful fishing trips.

A Marine Fisheries reference library was established for public and Department use to assist researchers on marine fisheries and related topics.

Inland Fisheries Division:

Nearly 33.6 million fish were stocked in public waters, including 7.8 million Florida bass, 56,900 native northern bass, 3.4 million catfish, 12.9 million striped bass, 8.8 million hybrid striped bass, 68,000 Gulf Coast strain hybrid striped bass, 26,600 coppernose bream, 5,000 redear sunfish, and 16,000 threadfin shad. More than 55 Louisiana rivers and lakes were stocked.

The effects of Hurricane Andrew on fish populations in the Atchafalaya Basin were evaluated. An estimated 182,129,400 fish were killed as a result of the storm surge. Thanks to an aggressive stocking program and tailored management regulations, fish populations destroyed by the Hurricane have been successfully restored.

Construction of a new, state-of-the-art fish hatchery in Forest Hill, La., was initiated and is more than one-half complete. Renovation and expansion of the existing Beechwood Fish Hatchery near Woodworth was completed.

The Inland Fisheries Division administered the award of Sportfish Restoration Funds (Wallop-Breaux) for construction of 28 boating access and fishing improvement projects to local governments. The federal fund share of these projects totalled \$2.7 million.

A new and successful multi-million dollar commercial freshwater mussel harvesting program was established.

More than 160,000 acres of water hyacinth were successfully controlled.

Aquatic vegetation condition assessments were written for 33 public lakes; the severity of aquatic weed infestations for 33 public lakes was determined; composition and density of aquatic vegetation for 11 public lakes was obtained; and aquatic weed recommendations for 11 public lakes were made.

Intensive management investigations of fish in 33 public lakes were conducted to collect data on population estimates, length/weight relationships, length frequencies, year class strength, predator/prey relationship, relative weights, and genetic analysis.

Caney Lake in Jackson Parish produced 48 largemouth bass in excess of 13 pounds including one state record.

The Inland Fisheries Division assisted with the Citizen's Program to Restore the Atchafalaya Basin (CPR), stocking a total of 4,021 largemouth bass.

The Lake Bisteneau channel marking project was completed.

The Inland Fisheries Division has assumed a lead role in preparing recovery plans

and monitoring of pallid and Atlantic sturgeon, two species on the threatened and endangered lists. Staff personnel are also attempting to artificially spawn sturgeon in an effort to augment existing populations.

The paddlefish has been listed as a species of special concern in Louisiana and harvest is not permitted. Inland Fisheries biologists are determining the distribution of this species. They are also artificially spawning and stocking paddlefish into areas where historic populations were known to occur but have not recently been found.

The Inland Fisheries Division is attempting to establish sampling protocol for crappie by conducting an intensive study to determine movement and distribution in Toledo Bend Reservoir.

Recent catfish research has concentrated on commercial fishermen attitudes and on marketing.

The Inland Fisheries Division has been stocking Atlantic strain striped bass into costal rivers in an attempt to re-establish self-sustaining populations. Gulf strain striped bass are being stocked into Indian Creek Reservoir to establish a brood stock to be artificially spawned, the progeny to be stocked into coastal rivers. Sampling will be conducted to determine if the Gulf strain fish become better established than Atlantic strain.

The Inland Fisheries Division initiated a nesting and food habit study of cormorants on Toledo Bend Reservoir. Research thus far indicates that 95 percent of the fish eaten by cormorants is shad.



Recommended Procedure for Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman (According to Article IV of the Bylaws)

I. Election Procedure

Chair entertains motion to adopt the recommended procedure, subject to whatever changes the Commission deems appropriate.

- Include within this motion or in a subsequent motion, the method of voting: viva voce or roll call. (See II. D. below.)

II. Chairman

*Open meeting law - viva voce (show of hands)
ayes / nays*

A. Chair entertains nominations for chairman

- Any number may be nominated.
- No second required for nominations.
- Chairman may not serve succeeding terms.

B. When it appears that no further nominations are forthcoming, the Chair can declare nominations closed.

C. When nominations are closed, the chair will call for votes for each of the persons nominated - in the order of nomination.

D. Voting can be by:

1. Viva voce, in which case the Chair would say: "All in favor of 'X' for Chairman, say 'Aye'" (this may be combined with a show of hands) or
2. Roll call, in which case each member, when called upon, states his preference for Chairman from among the nominees.

E. When any nominee receives a majority vote of the members present, then voting ceases and he is declared Chairman.

- F. In the event that there are more than two nominees for Chairman and no nominee receives a majority vote of those present, then the balloting should be repeated as many times as necessary until one candidate obtains a majority vote. If second and subsequent balloting is required, all nominees are kept on the ballot.
- G. Chairman-elect takes possession of his office immediately upon election.

III. Vice-Chairman

When a Chairman is declared, then the Commission proceeds to elect a Vice-Chairman using the same procedure set out above for Chairman. (Vice-Chairman can succeed himself.)

- IV. Points of Order - All objections, questions or points of order concerning the above procedure or the election must be made prior to adjournment of this meeting.

E N F O R C E M E N T C A S E R E P O R T

DECEMBER 1995

ENFORCEMENT CASE REPORT-DECEMBER 1995

REGION I

TOTAL CASES-50

ENFORCEMENT-49

OTHER DIV. - 1

1-Boating
3-Angling W/O Resident License
10-Fishing W/O Resident Cane Pole License
1-Sell Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealers License
3-Hunt W/O Resident License
1-Hunt W/O Non-Resident License
2-Hunt From A Moving Vehicle
2-Hunt Wild Quadrupeds Illegal Hours W/Light (Rabbits)
3-Hunt From A Public Road
1-Hunt Migratory Game Birds W/O State Stamp
2-Hunt W/O Non-Resident Big Game License
1-Take Deer Illegal Hours
7-Hunt Deer From A Public Road
1-Take Illegal Deer Open Season
4-Failure To Wear Hunter's Orange
1-Hunt Ducks W/O Federal Stamp
2-Hunt Migratory Game Birds Illegal Hours
2-Using Lead Shot In Area Designated AS Steel Shot Only
1-Possession Over Limit Of Ducks
1-Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On A WMA
1-Discharge Firearm From Public Road

CONFISCATIONS:

1 doe deer, 4 woodduck drakes, 1 woodduck hen, 1 mallard drake, 1

Page (2)

REGION I CONT'D.

CONFISCATIONS CONT'D.:

Stevens Model #167-20 ga. shotgun, 1 cottontail rabbit.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION I:

1-Boating	1 Public Assistance
13-Sport Fishing	
1-Commercial Fishing	
27-Hunting	
6-Migratory Game Birds	
2-Other	

Page (3)

REGION 2

TOTAL CASES-73

ENFORCEMENT-67

OTHER DIV. - 6

1-Boating
7-Hunting W/O Resident License
1-Hunting W/O Non-Resident License
1-Hunt W/O Resident Big Game License
1-Hunt W/O Non-Resident Big Game License
2-Hunt Or Take Deer Illegal Method
5-Hunt/Take Deer From Public Road
7-Hunt Or Take Deer Open Season
7-Possession Of Illegally Taken Deer
1-Hunt From Public Road
6-Fail To Comply With Hunter Orange Regs.
1-Hunt W/Unplugged Gun
7-Hunt Wild Quadrupeds Illegal Hours Or Artificial Light
2-Hunt W/O Muzzleloader License
4-Hunt/Take Deer Illegal Hours
4-Using Lead Shot In Steel Shot Area
5-Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries
1-Criminal Trespass
1-Operating Vehicle While Intoxicated
3-Discharge Firearm From Public Road
6-Not Abiding By Rules/Regs. On WMA

Page (4)

REGION 2 CONT'D.

CONFISCATIONS

1 resident hunting license, 1 resident big game license, 3 deer,
1-40 pound package of deer, 2 rifles.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 2:

1-Boating	8 Public Assistance
58-General Hunting	
4-MGB	
10-Other	

Page (5)

REGION 3

TOTAL CASES-181

ENFORCEMENT-168

OTHER 13 -

3 Boating

3 Angle w/o license in possession

1 Angle W/O Non-Resident License in Possession

8 Hunt deer w/o resident basic license

7 Hunt deer w/o resident big game license

1 Hunt deer w/o non resident basic license

1 Hunt deer w/o non-resident big game license

8 Hunt deer in closed area

1 Hunt deer illegal methods

7 Hunt deer illegal hours

2 Hunt deer unplugged gun

2 Possession illegally taken deer

60 Hunt from public road

1 Poss buckshot closed area

10 Hunt from moving vehicle

6 Discharge firearm from public road

1 Hunt wild quadrupeds illegal hours w/artificial light

1 Possess wild quadrupeds(deer) w/0 license

14 Failure to wear hunters orange

3 Failure to comply with Hunter Safety Regulations

13 Not abiding by rules and regulations on WMA

3 Illegal Possession of marijuana

1 Illegal possession of cocaine

Page (6)

Region 3 con't

1 Illegal possession schedule IV drugs

2 Reckless Operation of vehicle

3 Simple obstruction of Highway

2 Failure to abide by rules and regs.scenic river

1 No drivers license

3 operate ATV on Public Road

1 Driving under suspension

1 No license plates

1 Hunting ducks w/o Federal Stamp

1 Hunting ducks with unplugged gun

5 Using Lead shot in steel shot zone

1 Hunting MGB illegal firearm (22 rifle)

1 Possession over limit of ducks

1 Hunting MGB illegal hours

CONFISCATIONS:

2 buck deer, 1 button buck head, 2 woodducks, 6 gadwalls 2 high
powered rifles, 3 shotguns 4 .22 rifles, 3 spotlights, 16
buckshot, 5 leadshot, 3 resident basic hunting license, 3
resident big game license, 1 State duck stamp, 1 Federal duck
stamp.(drugs) 1 film container of marijuana,1 virginia slims box
of marijuana, 1 plastic bag marijuana, 1 plastic bag cocaine, 3
zanex pills.

Page (7)

Continue Region 3

Total for each Category for Region 3

3 Boating

3 Sport Fishing

10 MGB

129 Hunting

18 Other

Page 8

REGION 4

TOTAL CASES-50

ENFORCEMENT-50

OTHER DIV. - 0

1-Use Gear Without Recreational Gear License
5-Hunting Without A Resident License
1-Hunting Without A Non-Resident License
2-Hunting With An Unplugged Gun
3-Hunting Without A Resident Big Game License
1-Hunt Deer In Closed Area
1-Hunt Deer In Closed Season
3-Hunt Deer From Public Road
1-Take Illegal Deer In Open Season
1-Hunt Deer With Illegal Weapon
1-Possess Over Limit Of Deer
1-Possess Deer Meat Without Tag
12-Fail To Comply With Hunters Orange Regs.
1-Hunt Raccoons Illeglly
1-Trap Or Sell F.B.A. Without A License
1-Possess Over The Limit Of Ducks
14-Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA

CONFISCATIONS:

5 deer, 6 ducks, 2 pintails, 4 guns.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 4:

1-Sport Fishing	14-WMA
34-Hunting	1-MGB

Page (9)

REGION 5

TOTAL CASES-148

ENFORCEMENT-120

OTHER DIV. - 28

11-Boating

3-Hunt MGB W/O State Stamp

6-Hunt Ducks W/O Federal Stamp

1-Hunt MGB W/Unplugged Gun

5-Hunt MGB Illegal Hours

7-Wanton Waste Of Game

5-Using Lead Shot in Steel Shot Zone

7-Hunt Dove Closed Season

1-Hunt Geese Closed Season

6-Possess, Overlimit Of Ducks

1-Take Non-Game Birds (No Season) Hawk

3-Hunt MGB W/O Basic Hunting License

1-Lacy Act (Transport Illegal Deer cross State Line)

9-Angling W/O A License

1-Fish W/O A Resident Pole License

3-Angling W/O A Saltwater License

2-Take Undersize Black Drum

2-Take Spoonbill Catfish

1-Fail To Have Comm. License In Possession

3-Sell Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License

2-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License

1-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Vessel License

1-Sell Commercial Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealers License

REGION 5 CONT'D.

- 1-Fail To Maintain Records
- 2-Possess Net W/O Traversing Permit
- 1-Set Crab Traps In Navigation Channel
- 1-Possess Oysters W/O Oyster Harvester License
- 1-Possess Oysters W/O Oyster Harvester License
- 1-Possess Untagged Oysters
- 2-Failure To Tag Nets
- 7-Hunt W/O Resident License
- 2-Hunt W/O Non-Resident License
- 3-Hunt From Moving Vehicle
- 3-Hunt W/Unplugged Gun
- 5-Hunt Wild Quadrupeds Illegal Hours
- 4-Hunt From Public Road
- 2-Hunt MGB W/O State Stamp
- 1-Fail To Comply W/Hunter Safety Regs.
- 2-Hunt W/O Resident By Game License
- 2-Hunt W/O Non-Resident By Game License
- 4-Hunt Deer Illegal Hours
- 1-Hunt Deer Illegal Methods
- 3-Hunt Deer From Public Road
- 1-Hunt Deer W/Illegal Weapons
- 4-Fail To Wear Hunters Orange
- 1-Hunt On DMAP Lands W/O Permit
- 3-Hunt Raccoons Illegally
- 7-Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On A WMA

Page (11)

REGION 5 CONT'D.

1-Hunting WMA W/O A License

1-Illegal Spotlighting From A Public Road

1-Littering

CONFISCATIONS:

1 woodduck, 3 redheads, 9 teal, 3 ringneck ducks, 5 pintails, 2 gadwall, 3 mallard, 2 shovelers, 1 redtail hawk, 1 raccoon, 2 white front geese, 17 snow geese, 3 rabbits, 4 spoonbill catfish, 12 sacks of oysters, 9 black drum, 5 squirrels, 2 deer, 1 dove, 3-22 caliber rifles, 3-12 gauge shotguns, 1 headlight, 1-200 foot gill net, 1 crab trap, 10 invoices, 1-1000 foot strike net, 1 box 22 caliber cartridges, 1 wire cage.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 5:

11-Boating

46-MGB

15-Sport Fishing

18-Commercial Fishing

57-Hunting

1-Other

REGION 6

TOTAL CASES-72

ENFORCEMENT-53

OTHER -19

13-Boating

1-Take Or Possess Undersize Red Drum

5-Hunting W/O Resident License

1-Fail To Properly Mark Crab Containers

2-Angling W/O A Non-Resident License

5-Hunting From A Moving Vehicle

2-Hunting With An Unplugged Gun

3-Hunt Or Take Deer Illegal Hours

2-Illegal Shipping Of Commercial Fish

1-Failure To Comply With PFD Requirements

1-Transport W/O A Required License

2-No Wholesale/Retail Dealers License

1-Allow Another To Use Commercial License

1-Hunting Ducks Without A Federal Stamp

6-Hunt MGB Illegal Hours

1-Angling W/O A Resident License

6-Failure To Wear Hunters Orange

4-Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA

1-Sell Undersize Crabs Commercial

1-Failure To Maintain Records

1-Hunt Without A Resident Big Game License

4-Using Lead Shot In Area Designated As Steel Shot Only

REGION 6 CONT'D.

1-Transport Illegally Taken MGB

3-Possess Over Limit Of Ducks

1-Fail To Comply With Hunter Safety Regulations

2-Hunt Wild Quadrupeds Illegal Hours

2-Hunt From A Public Road

CONFISCATIONS:

4 red drum, 11 woodducks, 2,538 lbs. of crabs, 2 commercial licenses, 7 crab tags, 1-22 caliber Marlin, 1 H & R 410, 1 Toyota Pickup, 1 Q Beam , 10 lbs. of fish filets, 6 gadwalls, 4 green winged teal, 3 shoveler hens, 1 widgeon hen, 2 mallards.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 6:

13-Boating

1 Public Assistance

9-Commercial Fishing

4-Sport Fishing

21-Hunting

15-MGB

10-Other

Page (14)

REGION 7

TOTAL CASES-177

ENFORCEMENT-168

OTHER DIV - 9

13-Hunt Deer Illegal Hours W/Artificial Light

21-Hunt From Moving Vehicle

16-Hunt From Public Road

1-Obtain License By Fraud

1-Hunt Turkey Closed Season

3-Hunt With Unplugged Gun

16-Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA

7-Hunt Deer From Public Road

1-Fail To Comply W/Hunter Safety

1-Hunt Without Bow License

9-Fail To Wear Hunter Orange

6-Hunt Wild Game Quadrupeds At Night With Light And Gun

12-Hunt Without Resident License

6-Hunt Without Big Game License

2-Discharge Gun From Public Road

2-Fish Without License

2-Fish Without Non-Res. License

7-Hunt MGB Without State Stamp

3-Hunt Closed Area/Parish Ordinances

3-Hunt Illegal Hours

4-Criminal Trespass

1-Take Spotted Fawn

1-Possess Illegally Taken Deer

Page (14)

REGION 7 CONT'D.

- 1-Possess Over Limit Of Deer
- 8-Use Lead Shot In Steel Shot Area
- 6-Hunt W/O Federal Stamp
- 4-Possess Over Limit Of Ducks
- 13-Hunt MGB Illegal Hours
- 1-Hunt Ducks Closed Season
- 1-Hunt MGB From Boat
- 2-Hunt With Unsigned Duck Stamp
- 3-Hunt MGB With Unplugged Gun

CONFISCATIONS:

30 coots, 10 ducks, 1 hen turkey, 1 deer, 9 guns, 2 lights, 1 license.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 7:

- 4-Sport Fishing
- 130-Hunting
- 38-MGB
- 5-Other

REGION 8

TOTAL CASES-184

ENFORCEMENT-149

OTHER DIV. - 35

29-Boating

5-Hunt From A Moving Vehicle

5-Hunt Wild Quadrupeds Illegal Hours

3-Hunt From Public Road

1-Take Over The Limit Of Rabbits

2-Hunting W/O Resident License

4-Take Deer Illegal Hours/With Artificial Light

2-Take Deer From Public Road

1-Possession Of Live Alligator W/O Permit

4-Possess Fur Bearing Animal W/O License

2-Take Wild Quadrupeds Illegal Means

2-Take Non-Game Quadrupeds Illegally

1-Hunting Ducks W/O Federal Stamp

1-Hunting MGB With Unplugged Gun

2-Hunting MGB Illegal Hours

3-Hunting MGB Over Baited Area

2-Hunting MGB From A Moving Boat

1-Rallying MGB

2-Wanton Waste Of MGB

8-Using Lead Shot In Steel Shot Area

11-Possess Over Limit Of Ducks/Field Possession

NO. OF CASES	VIOLATION	MADE BY
8	Angling w/o a License (R8)	
1	Angling w/o a License (SSF)	
4	Angling w/o a License (SWEP)	
1	Take Game Fish Illegally (R8)	
1	Possess Over Limit of Red Drum (R8)	
1	Possess Over Limit of Red Drum (F&R)	
4	Possess Undersize Spotted Sea Trout (R8)	
2	Possess Undersize Spotted Sea Trout (SSF)	
4	Fail to Comply w/Charter Boat Regulations - No License (R8)	
7	Possess undersized Black Drum (R8)	
1	Possess undersized Black Drum (SSF)	
2	Sell Fish Caught Recreationally (R8)	
5	Possess over the limit of Black Drum (R8)	
1	Fail to have commercial license in possession (R8)	
1	Take commercial Fish w/o commercial license (R8)	
4	TAke Commercial Fish w/o commercial gear license (F&R)	
4	Take Commercial Fish w/o a Commercial License (R8)	
1	Take Commercial Fish w/o a Commercial License (F&R)	
1	Take Commercial Fish w/o a Vessel License ((R8)	
1	Take Commercial Fish w/o a Vessel License (F&R)	
1	Take Commercial Fish w/o a Vessel License (SWEP)	
3	Buy fish w/o a non-resident wholesale/retail dealer license (SSF)	
1	Sell fish w/o a wholesale/retail dealer license (SSF)	
1	Illegal shipping of commercial fish (R8)	
1	Illegal shipping of commercial fish (SSF)	
1	Use Saltwater net illegally/gill net (R8)	
1	Take undersize Commercial Finfish/Eel cat (R8)	
2	Buy fish from un-license wholesale dealer (SSF)	
1	Use crab traps w/o required markings (R8)	
1	Take oysters w/o Harvester's license (R8)	
1	Possess undersized commercial fish/Black Drum (R8)	
1	Possess undersized commercial fish/Black Drum (SSF)	
1	Commercial truck w/o display of name & address (SSF)	
1	Failure to display proper number on vessel (SWEP)	
1	Illegal shrimping/in Industrial Canal (SWEP)	
2	Trawling in restricted area/Lake Ponchartrain Sanctuary (R8)	
3	Trawling in restricted area/Lake Ponchartrain Sanctuary (OSF)	
2	Trawling in restricted area/Lake Ponchartrain Sanctuary (SWEP)	
2	Hunting w/o Resident License (R8)	
4	Possess wild quadrupeds w/o a License (R8)	
1	Fail to abide by Commission Rules & Regs/Hunt closed area (R8)	

Page (16)

REGION 8 CONT'D.

2-Hunting Ducks W/O State MGB Stamp

3-Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA

3-Criminal Trespass

2-Illegal Possession Of Marijuana

1-Other Than Wildlife/Illegally Carrying A Concealed Weapon

1-Take Mullet W/O Mullet Permit

CONFISCATIONS:

80 lbs. of shrimp sold for \$134.75, 43 black drum sold for \$116.00, 415 lbs. mullet sold for \$614.75, 10 lbs. of channel mullet sold for \$5.00, 3,100 lbs. of trigger fish sold for \$1,050.00, 355 whole sheephead sold for \$88.75, 185 lbs. of sheephead sold for \$111.75, 210 lbs. of blue runner fish sold for \$111.75, 1 alligator, 4 boxes of crabs, 2,714 lbs. of eelcat, 54 red drum, 23 rabbits, 1 deer, 2 grey duck, 2 mottled duck, 6 pintail, 6 spoonbill, 46 teal, 5 coots, 5 guns, 4-50foot trawls, 1 cast net, 1 crab trap, 3 ice chests, 1 seafood invoice w/report, 4 lights, marijuana, various assortment gun shells.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 8:

29-Boating

33-Commercial Fishing

41-Sport Fishing

37-Hunting

33-MGB

1-Reptile/Amphibian

10-Other

REGION 9

TOTAL CASES-114

ENFORCEMENT-73

OTHER -41

16-Boating

12-Angling W/O A License

1-Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License

3-Angling W/O Saltwater License

3-Possess O/L Of Red Drum (2 Strike Force)

1-Take Illegal Size Black Bass

1-Take Undersize Red Drum (1 Strike Force)

2-Possess Undersize Spotted Sea Trout

4-Take Overlimit Of Spotted Sea Trout

3-Take O/L Black Drum

1-Fail To Maintain Records (Strike Force)

2-Sell Undersize Hard Crabs

3-Fail To Report Commercial Fish Data (Strike Force)

5-Hunting W/O Resident License

4-Hunting W/O Non-Resident License

5-Hunting From Moving Vehicle

10-Hunt Wild Quadrupeds With Light Illegally

4-Hunt From Public Road

2-Hunt MGB W/O State Stamp

1-Hunt W/O Resident Big Game License

3-Hunt Raccoons Illegally

REGION 9 CONT'D.

5-Hunting Ducks W/O Federal Stamp

3-Hunting MGB With Unplugged Gun

5-Using Lead Shot In Area Designated As Steel Shot Only

3-Possess Overlimit of Ducks

3-Hunt MGB W/O State Stamp

1-Hunting MGB W/O Hunting License

8-Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA

CONFISCATIONS:

39 black bass, 19 black drum, 20 red drum, 7 rabbits, 36 speckled trout, 3 gadwalls, 5 mallards, 1 merganser, 9 woodducks, 3 redheads, 3 teals, 1 mottled duck, 2 scaup, 2 shovelers, 1 pintail, 1 canvasback, 1 raccoon, 2 deer, 300 lbs. crabs, 11 guns, 4 lights, 1 ice chest, 2 receipts of purchase.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 9:

16-Boating

30-Sport Fishing

6-Commercial Fishing

40-General Hunting

1-Deer

22-MGB

December 1995

Page (19)

OYSTER STRIKE FORCE

TOTAL CASES-16

7-Failure To Fill Out Oyster Tags Correctly

1-Violation Of Sanitation Code-Chapter 9

1-Failure To Hold Oyster Tags For 90 Days

1-Fail To Maintain Records

1-Sell Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealer's License

1-Possession Undersize Red Drum 16" minimum

2-Possession Over Limit Of Red Drum

1-Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries

1-Possession Of Untagged Oysters

CONFISCATIONS:

5 red drum, 301 sacks of oysters

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR OSF:

12-Commercial Fishing

3-Sport Fishing

1-Other

Page (20)

SPECIAL STRIKE FORCE

Total cases 49

4 Angling w/o Basic Licenses

2 Possession o/l Red Drum

1 Possession undersized Black Drum

1 Buy Commercial Fish from Unlicensed Fisherman

3 Hunting w/o Resident License

1 Failure to Abide by Commission Rules

1 Hunt Wild Quad Illegal Hours

17 Hunt from Public Road

1 Hunt MGB w/o State Stamp

1 Fail to Comply w/Hunter Safety Regulations

6 Hunt Deer from Public Road

1 Hunt w/o Non-Resident Big Game License

1 Fail to Comply w/Hunters Orange Regulations

1 Hunt on DMAP Lands w/o Permit

2 Federal Hunting Ducks W/O Federal Stamp

2 Federal Hunting MGB Illegal Hours

1 Federal Using lead shot in Area designated as steel shot only

Other:

1 32:317 Illegal Spot Lighting from Public Road

2 14:99 Reckless Operation of a vehicle

Page (21)

Seized Items

2 Ducks

3 Black Drum

22 Red Drum

2 Shotguns

Page (22)

S.W.E.P.

RIP TIDE AND DELTA TIDE

40 BOATS CHECKED

45 HOURS ENGINE TIME

TOTAL CASES 13

8 TRAWL IN RESTRICTED AREA (LAKE PONTCHARTRAIN SANCTUARY)

1 ILLEGAL SHRIMP (INDUSTRIAL CANAL)

1 TAKE COMMERCIAL FISH W/O COMMERCIAL LICENSE

1 NO VESSEL LICENSE

1 ANGLING W/O RESIDENTIAL LICENSE

1 BOATING SAFETY

SEIZURES:

80 POUNDS OF SHRIMP

5 TRAWLS SEIZED

Page (23)

TOTAL CASES ENFORCEMENT- 975

TOTAL CASES OTHER DIV. - 152

GRAND TOTAL -1127

MONTHLY CIVIL RESTITUTION REPORT

PERIOD	NO. CASES ASSESSED	AMOUNT ASSESSED	CREDIT FOR NO. CASE SALE GOOD PAID	AMOUNT PAID	DISCOUNTS TAKEN	Per Cent Dollars Paid	Per Cent Cases Paid
FISCAL YEAR 1993-94							
July, 1993	25	21,039	(9,778)	29	4,855	2,545	
August, 1993	53	44,922	(1,137)	41	7,950	3,603	
Sept., 1993	42	137,635	(17,938)	35	6,783	3,048	
October, 1993	49	21,471	(11,282)	40	3,285	1,519	
Nov., 1993	57	31,207	(13,260)	32	3,053	2,845	
Dec., 1993	53	13,777	0	27	6,507	6,713	
Jan., 1994	38	18,918	0	32	4,423	2,831	
Feb., 1994	68	38,131	(8,238)	46	9,124	5,993	
March, 1994	38	22,739	(2,482)	51	10,854	6,796	
April, 1994	14	44,732	(1,404)	27	7,307	4,632	
May, 1994	10	4,504	(165)	7	5,447	3,808	
June, 1994	29	26,167	(2,986)	12	1,886	1,214	
Total FY 94	476	425,242	(68,670)	379	71,474	45,547	27.5% 79.6%
FISCAL YEAR 1994-95							
July, 1994	17	2,127	(335)	23	2,101	1,437	
August, 1994	41	96,403	(3,035)	20	1,010	605	
Sept., 1994	34	14,614	(14,002)	26	2,596	2,342	
Oct., 1994	94	17,426	(8,677)	38	2,922	3,179	
Nov., 1994	43	103,592	0	45	3,992	2,803	
Dec., 1994	68	31,400		35	4,315	2,329	
Jan., 1995	55	27,601		52	7,493	4,921	
Feb., 1995	70	61,119		41	6,472	3,973	
March, 1995	31	25,072		44	8,315	4,737	
April, 1995	13	15,353		16	3,565	1,538	
May, 1995	23	11,632		16	4,315	654	
June, 1995	45	31,008		18	2,630	1,025	
Total FY 95	534	437,347	(26,049)	374	49,726	29,543	18.1% 70.0%
FISCAL YEAR 1995-96							
July, 1995	0	0		0			
Aug, 1995	46	17,425		27	9,028	1,729	
Sept, 1995	1	125		21	3,093	2,049	
Oct, 1995	122	206,244		29	2,720	1,161	
Nov, 1995	55	23,124		62	10,151	6,383	
Dec, 1995	50	18,607		32	4,781	2,803	
Jan, 1996							
Feb, 1996							
March, 1996							
April, 1996							
May, 1996							
June, 1996							
Total FY 1996	274	265,525	0	171	29,773	14,125	14.7 62.1

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
CIVIL RESTITUTION ACTIVITY REPORT

DATE: 3-JAN-1996

CURRENT MONTH 12/01/1995 TO 12/31/1995 FISCAL YEAR TO DATE 07/01/1995 TO 12/31/1995 INCEPTION TO DATE 12/31/1995

	# CASES	AMOUNT	# CASES	AMOUNT	# CASES	AMOUNT
ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED	50	\$18,607.26	274	\$266,015.36	2,818	\$1,980,084.66
HEARING COSTS ASSESSED	0	\$0.00	1	\$25.00	33	\$825.00
SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	331	\$269,865.45
SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	148	\$71,951.21

RESTITUTION ASSESSED	50	\$18,607.26	274	\$266,040.36	2,818	\$1,782,995.42
PAYMENTS	32	\$4,780.66	163	\$29,773.29	1,754	\$254,701.67
DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS	27	\$2,802.76	143	\$14,123.44	1,103	\$123,371.66
OVERPAYMENTS	2	\$0.39	9	\$60.79	59	\$1,012.06
REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT	0	\$0.00	4	\$59.68	28	\$6,594.43
APPLIED CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
REFUND OF CONFISCATED COMMOD.	3	\$2,935.30	6	\$24,404.45	14	\$63,175.80
RETURNED CHECKS	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	1	\$36.75
MISC. ADJUSTMENTS	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	2	\$35.00
DEBITS	0	\$0.00	1	\$0.85	5	\$3.42
CREDITS	1	\$0.85	1	\$0.85		
REASSESSMENTS	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	14	\$3,492.55
DEBITS	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	41	\$12,059.28
CREDITS	0	\$0.00	11	\$0.62	195	\$258,970.70
WRITE-OFFS	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	6	\$1,399.24
ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN	0	\$0.00	1	\$524.54	8	\$17,294.49
FOUND NOT RESPONSIBLE	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	2	\$97.80
CASES VOIDED BY ENFORCEMENT	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00		
** TOTAL OUTSTANDING			822	\$1,189,443.75		

FOOTNOTE:

PAYMENTS FROM COLLECTION EFFORT	1	\$20.00	6	\$120.00	40	\$10,720.13
AMOUNT PAID TO COLLECTOR		\$5.00		\$30.00		\$2,680.03

AGING OF SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODITIES

AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES

VIOLATION DATE UNKNOWN	0	\$0.00	CAN NOT BE INVOICED	0	\$0.00
1 - 30 DAYS	0	\$0.00	1 - 30 DAYS	45	\$17,380.42
31 - 60 DAYS	9	\$6,795.67	31 - 60 DAYS	35	\$17,222.85
61 - 90 DAYS	10	\$1,120.85	61 - 90 DAYS	50	\$197,278.65
91 - 120 DAYS	24	\$29,148.26	91 - 120 DAYS	0	\$0.00
121 - 150 DAYS	22	\$13,725.45	121 - 150 DAYS	0	\$0.00
151 - 180 DAYS	9	\$9,026.25	151 - 180 DAYS	0	\$0.00
181 - 365 DAYS	80	\$75,618.76	181 - 365 DAYS	76	\$125,155.33
OVER ONE YEAR	86	\$59,877.47	CASES SENT FOR COLLECTION	12	\$13,467.68
OVER TWO YEARS	19	\$17,441.40	OVER 1 YEAR PENDING	0	\$0.00
OVER THREE YEARS	3	\$1,719.53	OVER 1 YEAR (OTHER)	563	\$785,706.20

** TOTAL AGING

262

\$214,473.64

** TOTAL AGING

822

\$1,189,443.75

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
CLASS I ACTIVITY REPORT

DATE: 3-JAN-1996

	CURRENT MONTH 12/01/1995 TO 12/31/1995	FISCAL YEAR TO DATE 07/01/1995 TO 12/31/1995	INCEPTION TO DATE 12/31/1995
FINES			
HEARING COSTS			
DEBITS	220	2,765	42,639
CREDITS	290	828	10,204
	0	0	0
	\$11,055.00	\$143,555.00	\$2,168,807.07
	\$7,250.00	\$20,750.00	\$255,182.00
	\$0.00	\$300.00-	\$1,375.00-
TOTAL DUE	\$18,305.00	\$164,005.00	\$2,422,614.07

PAID IN FULL	137	1,747	22,183	\$1,132,799.42-
PARTIAL PAYMENTS	13	82	690	\$29,931.51-
OVERPAYMENTS	1	10	354	\$14,061.93
REFUNDS	1	9	57	\$3,368.00
RETURNED CHECKS	3	8	34	\$1,775.00
MISC CHANGES				
DEBITS	3	8	34	\$550.00
CREDITS	3	9	119	\$116.53-
ADJUSTMENTS TO VIOLATION				
DEBITS	2	7	62	\$3,600.00
CREDITS	0	1	7	\$300.00-
VOIDS	6	126	2,038	\$83,352.73-
NOT GUILTY	7	76	431	\$21,400.00-
				\$3,300.00-
				\$5,245.00-
				\$500.00
				\$120.00
				\$7.03-
				\$2.55-
				\$60.00
				\$175.00-
				\$150.00
				\$0.00
				\$175.00-
				\$350.00-
				\$3,300.00-
				\$5,245.00-
				\$500.00
				\$120.00
				\$7.03-
				\$2.55-
				\$60.00
				\$175.00-
				\$150.00
				\$0.00
				\$175.00-
				\$350.00-
				\$3,300.00-
				\$5,245.00-
				\$500.00
				\$120.00
				\$7.03-
				\$2.55-
				\$60.00
				\$175.00-
				\$150.00
				\$0.00
				\$175.00-
				\$350.00-
				\$3,300.00-
				\$5,245.00-
				\$500.00
				\$120.00
				\$7.03-
				\$2.55-
				\$60.00
				\$175.00-
				\$150.00
				\$0.00
				\$175.00-
				\$350.00-
				\$3,300.00-
				\$5,245.00-
				\$500.00
				\$120.00
				\$7.03-
				\$2.55-
				\$60.00
				\$175.00-
				\$150.00
				\$0.00
				\$175.00-
				\$350.00-
				\$3,300.00-
				\$5,245.00-
				\$500.00
				\$120.00
				\$7.03-
				\$2.55-
				\$60.00
				\$175.00-
				\$150.00
				\$0.00
				\$175.00-
				\$350.00-
				\$3,300.00-
				\$5,245.00-
				\$500.00
				\$120.00
				\$7.03-
				\$2.55-
				\$60.00
				\$175.00-
				\$150.00
				\$0.00
				\$175.00-
				\$350.00-
				\$3,300.00-
				\$5,245.00-
				\$500.00
				\$120.00
				\$7.03-
				\$2.55-
				\$60.00
				\$175.00-
				\$150.00
				\$0.00
				\$175.00-
				\$350.00-
				\$3,300.00-
				\$5,245.00-
				\$500.00
				\$120.00
				\$7.03-
				\$2.55-
				\$60.00
				\$175.00-
				\$150.00
				\$0.00
				\$175.00-
				\$350.00-
				\$3,300.00-
				\$5,245.00-
				\$500.00
				\$120.00
				\$7.03-
				\$2.55-
				\$60.00
				\$175.00-
				\$150.00
				\$0.00
				\$175.00-
				\$350.00-
				\$3,300.00-
				\$5,245.00-
				\$500.00
				\$120.00
				\$7.03-
				\$2.55-
				\$60.00
				\$175.00-
				\$150.00
				\$0.00
				\$175.00-
				\$350.00-
				\$3,300.00-
				\$5,245.00-
				\$500.00
				\$120.00
				\$7.03-
				\$2.55-
				\$60.00
				\$175.00-
				\$150.00
				\$0.00
				\$175.00-
				\$350.00-
				\$3,300.00-
				\$5,245.00-
				\$500.00
				\$120.00
				\$7.03-
				\$2.55-
				\$60.00
				\$175.00-
				\$150.00
				\$0.00
				\$175.00-
				\$350.00-
				\$3,300.00-
				\$5,245.00-
				\$500.00
				\$120.00
				\$7.03-
				\$2.55-
				\$60.00
				\$175.00-
				\$150.00
				\$0.00
				\$175.00-
				\$350.00-
				\$3,300.00-
				\$5,245.00-
				\$500.00
				\$120.00
				\$7.03-
				\$2.55-
				\$60.00
				\$175.00-
				\$150.00
				\$0.00
				\$175.00-
				\$350.00-
				\$3,300.00-
				\$5,245.00-
				\$500.00
				\$120.00
				\$7.03-
				\$2.55-
				\$60.00
				\$175.00-
				\$150.00
				\$0.00
				\$175.00-
				\$350.00-
				\$3,300.00-
				\$5,245.00-
				\$500.00
				\$120.00
				\$7.03-
				\$2.55-
				\$60.00
				\$175.00-
				\$150.00
				\$0.00
				\$175.00-
				\$350.00-
				\$3,300.00-
				\$5,245.00-
				\$500.00
				\$120.00
				\$7.03-
				\$2.55-
				\$60.00
				\$175.00-
				\$150.00
				\$0.00
				\$175.00-
				\$350.00-
				\$3,300.00-
				\$5,245.00-
				\$500.00
				\$120.00
				\$7.03-
				\$2.55-
				\$60.00
				\$175.00-
				\$150.00
				\$0.00
				\$175.00-
				\$350.00-
				\$3,300.00-
				\$5,245.00-
				\$500.00
				\$120.00
				\$7.03-
				\$2.55-
				\$60.00
				\$175.00-
				\$150.00
				\$0.00
				\$175.00-
				\$350.00-
				\$3,300.00-
				\$5,245.00-
				\$500.00
				\$120.00
				\$7.03-
				\$2.55-
				\$60.00
				\$175.00-
				\$150.00
				\$0.00
				\$175.00-
				\$350.00-
				\$3,300.00-
				\$5,245.00-
				\$500.00
				\$120.00
				\$7.03-
				\$2.55-
				\$60.00
				\$175.00-
				\$150.00
				\$0.00
				\$175.00-
				\$350.00-
				\$3,300.00-
				\$5,245.00-
				\$500.00
				\$120.00
				\$7.03-
				\$2.55-
				\$60.00
				\$175.00-
				\$150.00
				\$0.00
				\$175.00-
				\$350.00-
				\$3,300.00-
				\$5,245.00-
				\$500.00
				\$120.00
				\$7.03-
				\$2.55-
				\$60.00

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

NEWS RELEASE

Joe L. Herring
Secretary



CONTACT
(504) 765-2923

95-286

12/29/95

JANUARY 1996 WILDLIFE & FISHERIES COMMISSION MEETING SET

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission will conduct its next regular meeting at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 4, 1996, in the Louisiana Room of the Wildlife and Fisheries headquarters, 2000 Quail Dr., Baton Rouge.

The meeting is open to the public. The agenda follows.

1. Roll call.
2. Safari Club donation.
3. Presentation from Petroleum Engineering Society.
4. Notice of Intent: extend period of length for regulations on black bass in Eagle Lake.
5. Enforcement report (December 1995).
6. Secretary's report to the Commission.
7. Video: *Crossroads — New Directions for Commissions and Boards*.
8. Election of chairman and vice-chairman.
9. Public comments.
10. Adjourn.

-30-

This public document was printed at a cost of \$2.95. Three hundred copies of this document were printed in this first and only printing. This document was printed by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, 2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808 to provide timely information about department programs for numerous interest groups and the general public. This document was printed in accordance with the printing standards for state agencies established pursuant to R.S. 43:31.

December 28, 1995

NEWS RELEASE

APPROVED:  _____

AGENDA FOR COMMISSION MEETING

The next regular public board meeting has been scheduled by the Commission for 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, January 4, 1996, in the Louisiana Room at the Wildlife and Fisheries Building, 2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA.

1. Roll Call
2. Safari Club Donation
3. Presentation from Petroleum Engineering Society
4. Notice of Intent - Extend Period of Length for Regulations on Black Bass in Eagle Lake
5. Enforcement Report/December
6. Secretary's Report to the Commission
7. Video - Crossroads: New Directions for Commissions and Boards
8. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman
9. Public Comments
10. Adjourn

December 27, 1995

NEWS RELEASE

APPROVED: 

AGENDA FOR COMMISSION MEETING

The next regular public board meeting has been scheduled by the Commission for 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, January 4, 1996, in the Louisiana Room at the Wildlife and Fisheries Building, 2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA.

1. Roll Call
2. Safari Club Donation
3. Presentation from Petroleum Engineering Society
4. Notice of Intent - Extend Period of Length for Regulations on Black Bass in Eagle Lake
5. Enforcement Report/December
6. Secretary's Report to the Commission
7. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman
8. Public Comments
9. Adjourn

State of Louisiana



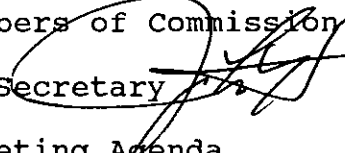
Joe L. Herring
Secretary

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Post Office Box 98000
Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000
(504) 765-2800

Edwin W. Edwards
Governor

December 27, 1995

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman and Members of Commission
FROM: Joe L. Herring, Secretary 
SUBJECT: January Board Meeting Agenda

The next regular public board meeting as set by the Commission will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, January 4, 1996, in the Louisiana Room at the Wildlife and Fisheries Building, 2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA.

The following will be on the agenda:

LEE CAUBARREUX

1. Safari Club Donation
2. Presentation from Petroleum Engineering Society

CORKY PERRET

3. Notice of Intent - Extend Period of Length for Regulations on Black Bass in Eagle Lake

WINTON VIDRINE

4. Enforcement Report/December

JOE HERRING

5. Secretary's Report to the Commission

Page 2
Commission Meeting
December 27, 1995

6. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman
7. Public Comments

JLH:sch

C: Clyde Kimball
Fred Prejean
Lee Caubarreaux
Corky Perret
Don Puckett
John Medica
Division Chiefs

State of Louisiana



Joe L. Herring
Secretary

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Post Office Box 98000
Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000
(504) 765-2800

Edwin W. Edwards
Governor

December 6, 1995

MEMORANDUM

TO: Deputy Secretary, Undersecretary, Assistant Secretary-
Office of Wildlife, and Assistant Secretary-Office of
Fisheries

FROM: Joe L. Herring, Secretary *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: Commission Meeting Agenda - January 4, 1996

Please write on the bottom of this memo and return to Susan Hawkins by Monday, December 18th any agenda items your office may have for the Thursday, January 4th Commission Meeting to be held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at the Wildlife and Fisheries Building, 2000 Quail Drive. This meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. on January 4th. If you do not have anything for the agenda, please return memo and indicate so on the bottom of this memo. We cannot add anything to the agenda that requires commission action after we have published the agenda in the state journal.

Resolutions and Notices of Intent should be included with the list of items to be placed on the agenda. Thank you for your cooperation!

JLH/sch

cc: Commissioners
Don Puckett
Bob Dennie
Winton Vidrine
Hugh Bateman ✓
Johnnie Tarver
Bennie Fontenot
John Roussel
Wynnette Kees
Karl Turner

Wildlife Divisions
Safari Club Donation
Society of Petroleum Engineers Donation

State of Louisiana



Joe L. Herring
Secretary

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Post Office Box 98000
Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000
(504) 765-2800

Edwin W. Edwards
Governor

December 6, 1995

MEMORANDUM

TO: Deputy Secretary, Undersecretary, Assistant Secretary-
Office of Wildlife, and Assistant Secretary-Office of
Fisheries

FROM: Joe L. Herring, Secretary *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: Commission Meeting Agenda - January 4, 1996

Please write on the bottom of this memo and return to Susan Hawkins by Monday, December 18th any agenda items your office may have for the Thursday, January 4th Commission Meeting to be held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at the Wildlife and Fisheries Building, 2000 Quail Drive. This meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. on January 4th. If you do not have anything for the agenda, please return memo and indicate so on the bottom of this memo. We cannot add anything to the agenda that requires commission action after we have published the agenda in the state journal.

Resolutions and Notices of Intent should be included with the list of items to be placed on the agenda. Thank you for your cooperation!

JLH/sch

cc: Commissioners
Don Puckett
Bob Dennie ✓
Winton Vidrine
Hugh Bateman
Johnnie Tarver
Bennie Fontenot
John Roussel
Wynnette Kees
Karl Turner

al C - NO
Maurice - NO
Bob P - NO

State of Louisiana



Joe L. Herring
Secretary

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Post Office Box 98000
Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000
(504) 765-2800

Edwin W. Edwards
Governor

December 6, 1995

MEMORANDUM

TO: Deputy Secretary, Undersecretary, Assistant Secretary-
Office of Wildlife, and Assistant Secretary-Office of
Fisheries

FROM: Joe L. Herring, Secretary *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: Commission Meeting Agenda - January 4, 1996

Please write on the bottom of this memo and return to Susan Hawkins by Monday, December 18th any agenda items your office may have for the Thursday, January 4th Commission Meeting to be held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at the Wildlife and Fisheries Building, 2000 Quail Drive. This meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. on January 4th. If you do not have anything for the agenda, please return memo and indicate so on the bottom of this memo. We cannot add anything to the agenda that requires commission action after we have published the agenda in the state journal.

Resolutions and Notices of Intent should be included with the list of items to be placed on the agenda. Thank you for your cooperation!

JLH/sch

cc: Commissioners
Don Puckett
Bob Dennie
Winton Vidrine
Hugh Bateman
Johnnie Tarver
Bennie Fontenot ✓
John Roussel
Wynnette Kees
Karl Turner

RECEIVED

DEC 08 1995

INLAND FISHERIES
DIVISION

Dear Susan:

The following item should be placed
on the agenda for the next meeting:

Notice of Intent: Extend period of length
regulation on black bass in Eagle Lake.

State of Louisiana



Joe L. Herring
Secretary

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Post Office Box 98000
Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000
(504) 765-2800

Edwin W. Edwards
Governor

December 1, 1995

Mr. Lloyd Songe
P. O. Box 176
Bourg, LA 70343

Dear Lloyd:

This is to advise that we have placed you first on the agenda for the LWFC January 4, 1996 meeting. We are looking forward to your presence at this meeting and receiving the eagle/osprey nesting platforms along with a check for the erection of same.

Thanking you for your interest in the wildlife resources of our State and wishing you a Happy Holiday Season, I remain

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Joe L. Herring", written over a horizontal line.

Joe L. Herring

JLH/pc

C: Mr. Perry Gisclair, Chairman
Susan Hawkins ✓
Hugh Bateman

State of Louisiana



Joe L. Herring
Secretary

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Post Office Box 98000
Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000
(504) 765-2800

Edwin W. Edwards
Governor

December 6, 1995

MEMORANDUM

TO: Deputy Secretary, Undersecretary, Assistant Secretary-
Office of Wildlife, and Assistant Secretary-Office of
Fisheries

FROM: Joe L. Herring, Secretary *JLH*

SUBJECT: Commission Meeting Agenda - January 4, 1996

Please write on the bottom of this memo and return to Susan Hawkins by Monday, December 18th any agenda items your office may have for the Thursday, January 4th Commission Meeting to be held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at the Wildlife and Fisheries Building, 2000 Quail Drive. This meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. on January 4th. If you do not have anything for the agenda, please return memo and indicate so on the bottom of this memo. We cannot add anything to the agenda that requires commission action after we have published the agenda in the state journal.

Resolutions and Notices of Intent should be included with the list of items to be placed on the agenda. Thank you for your cooperation!

JLH/sch

cc: Commissioners
Don Puckett
Bob Dennie
Winton Vidrine ✓
Hugh Bateman
Johnnie Tarver
Bennie Fontenot
John Roussel
Wynnette Kees
Karl Turner

Enforcement!
W.V.

State of Louisiana



Joe L. Herring
Secretary

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Post Office Box 98000
Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000
(504) 765-2800

Edwin W. Edwards
Governor

December 6, 1995

MEMORANDUM

TO: Deputy Secretary, Undersecretary, Assistant Secretary-
Office of Wildlife, and Assistant Secretary-Office of
Fisheries

FROM: Joe L. Herring, Secretary *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: Commission Meeting Agenda - January 4, 1996

Please write on the bottom of this memo and return to Susan Hawkins by Monday, December 18th any agenda items your office may have for the Thursday, January 4th Commission Meeting to be held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at the Wildlife and Fisheries Building, 2000 Quail Drive. This meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. on January 4th. If you do not have anything for the agenda, please return memo and indicate so on the bottom of this memo. We cannot add anything to the agenda that requires commission action after we have published the agenda in the state journal.

Resolutions and Notices of Intent should be included with the list of items to be placed on the agenda. Thank you for your cooperation!

JLH/sch

cc: Commissioners
Don Puckett
Bob Dennie
Winton Vidrine
Hugh Bateman
Johnnie Tarver
Bennie Fontenot
John Roussel
Wynnette Kees ✓
Karl Turner

*Nothing -
W. Kees*

State of Louisiana



Joe L. Herring
Secretary

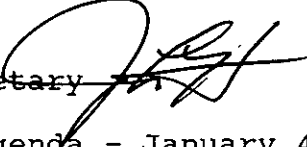
Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Post Office Box 98000
Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000
(504) 765-2800

Edwin W. Edwards
Governor

December 6, 1995

MEMORANDUM

TO: Deputy Secretary, Undersecretary, Assistant Secretary-
Office of Wildlife, and Assistant Secretary-Office of
Fisheries

FROM: Joe L. Herring, Secretary 

SUBJECT: Commission Meeting Agenda - January 4, 1996

Please write on the bottom of this memo and return to Susan Hawkins by Monday, December 18th any agenda items your office may have for the Thursday, January 4th Commission Meeting to be held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at the Wildlife and Fisheries Building, 2000 Quail Drive. This meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. on January 4th. If you do not have anything for the agenda, please return memo and indicate so on the bottom of this memo. We cannot add anything to the agenda that requires commission action after we have published the agenda in the state journal.

Resolutions and Notices of Intent should be included with the list of items to be placed on the agenda. Thank you for your cooperation!

JLH/sch

cc: Commissioners
Don Puckett
Bob Dennie
Winton Vidrine
Hugh Bateman
Johnnie Tarver
Bennie Fontenot
John Roussel
Wynnette Kees
Karl Turner